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plus CREME APPOINTMENTS plus INTERFACE Britain backs EU turn to the Left

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

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RITAIN is to join France. Germa-iny and eight other European Un-ion countries in a left-wing policy manifesto that commits the Government to common cause with the states inside monetary union.

Uniting in a single manifesto, the social democrat parties that now dominate the EU are to pledge themselves to co-ordinate economic policies for growth, including a push for harmonising taxes and heavy spending to boost employment and avert recessions. Oskar Lafontaine, Germany's

hard-left Finance Minister, visits sation poses to old nation state poli-London tomorrow to join Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, in putting finishing touches to the paper setting out a left-wing "policy agenda" for a "New European Way" inside monetary union, to be launched on January t. The paper, to be issued in Brussels on Sunday by the finance ministers of France, Germany, Britain and the eight other socialist-led states of the European Union, distils the new order in the EU which was consolidated with the election of Germany's Social Democrat Government in Septem-

ber. "A united Europe is our re-sponse to the challenge that globali-

cv." it says.

Although the manifesto is couched in broad terms, Britain's commitment to an agenda for managing monetary union is seen by other EU states as a powerful sign of the Government's eagerness to be part of the euro project. "They are trying every way to ensure that they are not excluded," a French official said. Another senior diplomat said the paper was Tony Blair's way of avoiding being sidelined from the "Euro-II" states which are joining the euro and harmonising

New European Way - Economic Reform in the Framework of EMU, began in February during the Brit-ish EU presidency. Only Belgium, Spain, Ireland and Luxembourg states not led by left-wing parties -

are not endorsing the paper, a draft

of which has been obtained by The Its main thrust is a commitment to closer co-ordination of budget and economic policies to ensure growth and promote employment. We have to co-operate, to co-ordinate and to develop a set of common rules for the economic and social well-being of European citi-zens," it says. In a whiff of regulatopolicies in the euro zone. Work on the paper, called The

ry enthusiasm that would have been anathema to the previous British Government — or, indeed, the last German one — it says monetary union requires closer "co-ordination of economic and structural politics in order to promote fair rules of competition". Britain and the three other states not joining the euro at the start must "co-operate with ... those having already intro-

duced the single currency in order to ensure the European Way."
On taxation, the manifesto mixes British-style calls for lightening the fiscal burden with the continental drive for tax harmony in the interest of "fair" competition. "Taxation

should not distort decisions with regard to labour, capital and services ... EMU will intensify the potential for tax competition. Therefore fur-ther efforts have to be undertaken to avoid harmful tax competition among the member states," the draft says. The EU's main target is to speed up work on minimum levels of tax on corporate profits and savings. Britain has until now been attempting to slow down both

drives. On Monday, Herr Lafon-taine predicted that the German EU presidency, starting in January, would achieve agreement on tax harmonisation by June.

The paper also mixes British-

backed pledges to remove barriers to trade with a French-inspired commitment to preserve public services previously run by the state. To protect services such as gas, electricity and telecoms, "we need a new culture of regulation", it says.

The agenda's most sensitive goal, in continental terms, is an attempt to reinforce the push by France, Germany and Italy to bring to heel the European Central Bank, the independent manager of the euro. The paper tells the bank it must take into account the needs of job creation.

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Survival

test for

grammar

schools

BY ROLAND WATSON POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S few remaining grammar schools will face an

annual battle for survival under government regulations approved by MPs last night.
Anti-selection campaigners will be able to organise parental petitions every year, pressing for a vote to turn their local

grammar school into a com-

prehensive. Although grammar schools would win a five-

fought off the challenge in a re-

sulting ballot, many are likely

to face annual campaigns try-

ing to collect enough signa-

The regulation, approved

9-5 by MPs on the standing

committee considering the Ed-

ucation Bill, threatens the fu-

ture of many of the country's

The details, published yes-

terday, mean that grammar schools will now be living un-

der a "permanent state of un-certainty", the Tories say.

The Government also faced

fierce criticism that it was tilt-

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Revolt by peers over curbs on Euro poll

By James Landale, Political correspondent

THE House of Lords yester-day staged a huge display of They insisted that next sumdeliance against the Government when peers rejected for a fourth time plans to restrict voter choice in the European

In what has become a bruising trial of strength between the Lords and the Government, peers insisted they had the right to ask the Commons to think again. The Lords has not defeated a government four times on the same issue since the 1970s when it threw out two nationalisation Bills. Ministers spoke of a consti-

tutional crisis and accused

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mer's elections risked being plunged into chaos if the parliamentary impasse is not resolved over the next few days.

The Lords, as the inferior chamber, normally backs down after playing a couple of rounds of legislative "ping pong" with the Commons. But peers voted by 261 to

198, a majority of 63, to insist that electors have the right to back an individual candidate in the new system of proportional representation being introduced for next year's poll. The Government wants a

so-called "closed list" system in which voters would determine how many seats a party wins but the parties themselves would decide which individuals become MEPs. The Tories, many crossbenchers, and some Labour backbenchers believe this gives too much power to party apparatchiks

at the expense of voters. The ping pong will continue today when the European Parliamentary Elections Bill returns to the Commons. The Government will introduce a new amendment - which it is bound to do under parliamen-tary rules — and, after a vote, send the Bill back to the Lords the same afternoon.

Ping pong can continue indefinitely if the Commons continues sending back new amendments. The Bill would die only if agreement was not reached when the parliamentary session ends on Friday. If it is lost, the Government can accept defeat and hold the

elections under the existing first-past-the-post system; or it can reintroduce the Bill in next week's Queen's Speech. Mr Blair's official spokes-man said he saw the vote as "an affront to democracy". William Hague, the Tory leader, said it was a victory for com-

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monsense and democracy.



A meteor cuts across the star-lit sky, framed by a Joshua tree and rocks, in Southern California's Mojave Desert in this 30 minute-exposure photograph

Comet 'brings extraterrestrial life'

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Earth may have been showered with bacteria as it passed through the Leonid meteor stream last night, two astronomers believe. Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe and Sir Fred Hoyle have long championed the theory that microscopic forms of life may have originated elsewhere with Earth sweeping them up on its orbit. Once ridiculed, the theory has gained in plausibility with the discovery that comets do contain large amounts of organic matter and carbonbased chemicals which include amino

acids, the basic building blocks of pro- year and next promise such a show, teins. It achieved respectability last night when Nasa, the US space agency, launched its first "astrobiology" mission using aircraft to seek traces of extraterrestrial life in the meteor stream.

The Leonid shower, expected to peak at about 7pm yesterday, consists of the trail of the comet Tempel-Tuttle. As the Earth passes through that trail, thou-sands of tiny particles of matter burn up in the atmosphere to create "shooting stars" - brief streaks of light.

Every 33 years or so, the spectacle is enhanced because the comet has recently passed close to the Sun, boiling off more material from its surface. This

and astronomers were out last night hoping to see a repeat of the last major Leonid storm in 1966.

Most people have overlooked the possibility of living bacteria from Tempel-Tuttle reaching the Earth, said Professor Wickramasinghe. Because the comet last passed close to the Sun only nine months ago, cometary particles will be freshly evaporated from its surface.

As well as solid particles the size of a grain of sand, which burn to create meteors, the stream will contain perhaps an equal mass of bacterial-sized particles, he believes. As these reach the stratosphere, they will be flash-heated

to 230C (446F) or so for a few seconds. That is normally sufficient heat to sterilise bacteria, but laboratory experiments have shown some survive. Even bacteria deactivated by ultraviolet light - as they might be after nine months in orbit - can come back to life thanks

to enzymes. Each day some 50 tons of cornetary dust reach Earth. During the Leonids, that could increase by a factor of ten thousand, leading to a total mass of a

If as little as one part in a thousand of that material is viable bacteria, the total drifting to Earth would be 100,000 billion billion, or 10 to the power of 23.

Damian Green, the Tories' education spokesman, said the wording amounted to a "rigged" question. "This is trying to push parents towards a 'yes' rather than a 'no'."

The details, as approved yesterday, lay out for the first time the precise route campaigners would have to follow before they successfully force grammar schools to stop selecting the best local pupils.
Before a grammar school's

future came down to a vote, a fifth of local parents would have to sign a petition to spark a vote. Petition organisers will have the whole school year in which to seek signatures.

Estelle Morris, the Schools Minister, said the plans laid the basis for "fair and workable" ballots. But Alan Jones. headmaster of the 800-pupil. co-educational Ripon Grammar School, said regulations were likely to lead to a "sapping effect" on school morale.

Fishing curbs to tackle fall in salmon England and Wales up to June 16. It is hoped to save 2,000 to the Lune, Ribble and Eden in Lancashire; the Dee and Usk in salmon stocks, include a BY NICK NUTTALL

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SALMON anglers are to face

severe restrictions on the

number of fish they can keep.

The season during which

anglers can keep salmon they

catch is to be halved under rad-

ical plans to save the king of

Proposals to be unveiled to-

day by the Environment Agen-

cy will require anglers by law to release salmon they catch in

fish from extinction.

Many of Britain's best-known regiments, such as the Green Howards and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, will be cut back in the restructed Territorial Army Page 6

Regiments

cut back

US rates down

The Federal Reserve cut US rates to their lowest level in four years as the battle against 3,000 Spring-running salmon or up to a fifth of the 12,000 of

Britain's spawning stock. The restrictions, which have been generally welcomed by anglers and owners of fishing hotels as more favourable than outright closures, will hit

over 30,000 anglers. The new, national bylaws which are expected to come into force, will cover over a dozen rivers. These include the main salmon angling rivers of

in Wales; the Wye in the West Country and the Exe, Taw, Tamar, Dart and Torridge in

the South West. Chris Poupard of the Sal-mon and Trout Association in London said that until now only the odd river in England and Wales have had any kind of restrictions and these have been purely voluntary.

The proposals, which come after alarm in Britain and abroad over the sharp decline crackdown on the netting of migratory salmon returning to rivers at sea.

Experts blame global warming, which has raised temperatures in the Atlantic as well as the silting up of spawning beds from intensive agriculture and over-fishing.

In Scotland, restrictions are on a river by river basis. On the Tweed anglers catching before June I must throw the first fish back but can keep the sec-

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Just what a girl needs in a crisis - a Daddy to depend on habited by the inner light, but

elp! Dad! I'm in trou-ble! Quick! If the cry comes from a favourite daughter, what father could resist? When, as I watched yesterday's Lords debate on the European Elections Bill, I saw Lord Callaghan of Cardiff rise to speak, I ran to watch. It was Daddy to the rescue.

This must be a crisis. Jim Callaghan. Britaio's last Labour Prime Minister before Tony Blair, speaks rarely in the Upper Chamber. When he does, he speaks well. When he does, it matters. His eldest daughter, Margaret, Baroness Jay of Paddington, Leader soon consult my valet as consult the Earl of Onslow about political tactics." of the House of Lords, calls upon her father rarely in the House they share. When she

does, she's in serious trouble. And so it proved. I have seldom seen Lord Callaghan speak more angrily or eloquently. At times he was shouting. In language almost never heard in that genteel place, he described Tory troublemakers as the "hooligan tendency". Adapting a remark of Balfour's he declared: "I'd as

Lord Onslow, an amiable but maverick fellow, proud to be a hooligan oo this Bill, will have glowed with surprised pride. You need some sense of the courtesy and mutual regard which normally prevails among peers to appreciate the passion that insult was meant to convey, and did. This, declared Callaghan, his voice rising, was a "second-level issue" no occasion for constitutional impasse. On the front



bench his daughter nodded in

anxious approval.
"Call off your troops!" he shouted at the Tory Chief Whip, Lord Strathclyde. It had the ring of desperation. The crossbenchers—nervous. principled creatures — quivered. What were they about to do? Join a Tory conspiracy? Were they right to do it? The

closest thing the Opposition could find to a Callaghan checkmate rose. Lord Tebbit angrity defended Lord Ons-low. Was his friend supposed to send his valet, then, to

Lord McNally, once a Labour MP, now a Liberal Democrat peer, repeated the determined but defensive arguments his party has used for supporting a government measure they do not like. He sounded rattled. He called Callagban "my noble friend" though they are of different parties. Agah! shouted the Tories, regarding this as a Lib-Lab giveaway. "If you don't know that he'll always be my noble friend, then you don't know me," shouted McNally. abandoning the traditional in-direct speech in his fury. I have seldom seen both

sides more a-quiver. Both conveyed a sense of knowing they

were on the brink of something from which it would be hard to retreat. Just as Lord Williams of Mostyn (also pale and quiet with emotion) was about to sum up for the Gov-ernment, one of the bishops

Bishops are the unguided missiles of the Upper Chamber — unguided by human agency, anyway: you can nev-er know what a bishop is about to say because all too often he does not know himself. Bisbops do not quite quake as Quakers quake when in-

they convey a trembling innocence which suggests both naivety and authority: the holy fools of their Lordships' House. This Bishop (of Hereford), protesting bis dissociation from every group — the Opposition, the hooligan tendency, the Eurosceptics, the dency, the Eurosceptics, the anti-PR peers — insisted that he was still "deeply unhappy" about the Bill. He would vote against it.

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So it was God versus Daddy. God won. But Daddy will

TUC sees Blair over fears of betrayal

Jill Sherman and Christine Buckley

on confrontation at Downing Street

ANGRY union leaders warned Tony Blair last night not to bow to employers' demands to water down legislarion on recognition rights.

A delegation led by John Monks, the TUC General Secretary, met the Prime Minister at Downing Street to challenge him over reports that he was about to agree to a series of changes which would make it more difficult for unions to secure recognition.

Legislation which is to be included in the Queen's Speech next week centres on giving un-ions recognition rights if 40 per cent of the workforce vote in favour. It also allows automatic recognition without a ballot if the union membership already covers 50 per cent

Unions fear that Mr Blair and Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary. are about to accept a request by employers that members should have joined a union for at least three months before they can be counted for automatic recognition.

Employers are also pressing for Mr Blair to agree that union members would have to show that they wanted their nons to represent them in cor lective negotiations over pay and conditions. This could be done by asking members to tick a box on a piece of paper or through a further ballot.

Employers claim many workers would now be refuctant to hand bargaining over to unions, though they would wish them to represent them over disciplinary issues. The Prime Minister assured unions that no decisions had been taken and there would be further meetings between the TUC and the Government before any final agreement.

As he left the meeting, Mr Monks said that unions bad

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expressed their "strong concerns about recent reports that the Fairness at Work White Paper was being watered down and our opposition to some employers' attempts to make the details unworkable".

In what was described as a business-like" meeting which lasted for nearly an hour, union chiefs accused Mr Blair of reneging on what was agreed last May after tough negotiations between employers and unions. Ian McCartney, Trade and Industry Minister, who is thought to be resisting changes to the White Paper, reassured NEC members earlier yesterday that there was no question that any changes would be in "breach of the spir-

it of the White Paper'. Union leaders, including traditionally loyalist bosses, believe that the Government has caved in to hardline calls from the Confederation of British Industry which has toughened its stance since Sir Clive Thompson, the outspoken chief executive of Rentokil Ini-

tial, became president. At a recent Trade and Industry Select Committee hearing, Mr Mandelson, made his first public admission that union a commitment in their membership - the expected threemonth qualifying period. Although he is later said to have told backbench MPs that he regretted going so far and had only meant all options were open, the Government is expected to back employers' calls

for a qualifying period. Unions fear it will give unscrupulous employers the opportunity to sack people before they reach the three-month mark. This is especially feared in industries such as building. contracting and services. where there is a high turnover

Survival of

the littlest



The Prince with new black recruits at the Army Training Regiment at Pirbirght, Surrey, yesterday

Prince 'knew persecuted feeling'

By CLAUDIA JOSEPH

THE Prince of Wales told a group of young black Army recruits yesterday that he had encountered prejudice during his career in the Services. Comparing the problems he suffered as a royal with the racism that they faced, the Prince admit-ted that he had felt like an outsider during his five years in the RAF and Royal

Navy.
His revelations came during an informal chat with the new ethnic minority recruits of the Household Division at the Army Training Regiment in Pirbright. Surrey. Dooovan Mowatt. 19, who spoke to the Prince, said: "He was eager to know if we had suffered racism. He said be understood because be had problems himself by who he was. He told me how he stuck out as being different because be

was royal."

James Taylor, 20. said: "He seemed keen to know if we'd been pressurised to join up, and had we really wanted to do it because we wanted to? I told him it was like being in a big family and we have a lot of support. We're all part of the team and I haven't had any problems."

The drive to recenit properties wineric

The drive to recruit more ethnic minorities into the Armed began two years ago after a highly critical report from the

Commission for Racial Equality of the Household Cavalry and coocern by the Prince at the low number of ethnic minorrince at the low number of entire minority guards outside Buckingham Palace or taking part in Trooping the Colour.

Now the Household Division, which consists of the Household Cavalry and

the Footguards, bas increased its ethnic minority recrults from 12 to 40, out of 3.500, and has set itself a target of 200 by

The Commission for Racial Equality said: "Even though he himself will never experience anything like young black squaddies in the Guards, at least [his experience will enable him to relate to it."

Taxpayer to fund advisers' pensions

By VALERIE ELLIDIT WHITEHALL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR has approved an expensive pensions perk for the 70-strong team of political aides and special advisers brought into his Government on top of their inflationbusting

pay increases.
It is the first time the Government has allowed taxpavers' money to be used as contributions to the pensions of the ranks of ministerial "bag-carriers" and is a significant change to their contracts.

But last night the precise size of the new fund was not known. Mr Blair has declared that the total cost of poliocal advisers is £3.6 million, double that for aides working for John Major's administration. The pensions may explain the hefty increase. The precise breakdown of

cash for pensions has not been disclosed but the Government told MPs a maximum of up to 16 per cent of a special adviser's salary can be used to fund a pension. The money can be paid into an existing or a new occupational pension scheme. or a personal one.

The change of policy was sneaked out to MPs in guidance placed in the Commons library outlining the pay struc-ture for special advisers.

Under the Conservative Government political aides were not allowed a pensions contribution funded by the tax-

MPs were also given details of the new pay bands for spe-cial advisers — Band AQ is from £26,000 to £45,000, Band B £40,000 to £60,000 and Band C £54,000 to £76,056.

"skyrocketed" from 25 per cent last year to 44 per cent now. The number

saying they are acceptable has fallen from 33 per cent to 25 per cent over the

The report, which was leaked to

Greenpeace, claims that among Euro-pean countries biotechnology and Mon-

santo itself face their toughest opposi-

A spokesman for Monsanto vester-

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leaked report.

NEWS IN BRIEF Teachers promised

David Blunkett has promised to give thousands of teachers bonuses in reward for good performance. However, he admitted that the criteria for attaining the pay awards may put many with family commitments off the scheme.

bonuses

The Education Secretary said it was crucial that teachers' pay structure be brought-into line with other industries. Speaking to a conference organised by the Fabian Society yesterday, Mr Blunkett said he hoped a "very substantial number" of teachers would benefit from the proposals to be announced in a Green Paper within a month, but refused to give more details. He said unions would not strike

after seeing the proposals.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said he was "deeply disappointed" after Mr Blunkett ruled out an overall increase in teachers' pay.

Doctor loses

A doctor who saved the life of a fellow passenger and then sent a £540 bill to the airline has had his claim thrown out. of court. Dr John Stevens, 46,a consultant psychotherapist, and psychiatrist, came to the aid of a woman who fell ill on; an American Airlines flight to-Heathrow last year.

Judges' training 🧗

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, has written to every full-time judge in England and Wales to alert them to an "extensive" training programme being planned for judges on the Human Rights Act, which has profound im-Royal Assent on November 9.

CSA charm drive

The Child Support Agency is to embark upon a charm offensive to improve its image. It is recruiting new staff with proven "life skills", Faith Board-man, the chief executive, told MPs yesterday that the agency had traditionally relied too much on employing people with academic qualifications.

Award for writer *

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Michael Evans, the Defence Editor of The Times, was presented with the Desmond Wettern Maritime Media Award for his coverage of Royal Navy issues in the Strategic Defence Review. The award is for "the most constructive contribution to maritime affairs as they affect Britain".

Legal bill dispute

A man has won the right in the Court of Appeal to challeoge a £2.600 legal bill from a law firm that had his affairs handled by a clerk instead of a solicitor. Stuart Pilbrow was horrified to learn that the woman from Pearless de Rougement of East Grinstead was not even a legal executive.

Good news

Fears over the "dumbing down" of news may be un-founded. "Serious" news stories covered in early evening builetins by the BBC, Sky and ITN have risen from 32 per cent in 1993 to 69 per cent today, according to a report by Goldsmith's College and the University of Westminster.

Consumers turn backs on modified foods

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A GLOOMY assessment of the future for genetically modified foods in Britain has been made by an adviser to one of the world's big biotechnology firms. In a confidential report to Monsanto,

the US-based multinational, he argues that public disquiet over such crops and foods is deepening rather than evaporating.

The report comes in the wake of a El

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million advertising campaign by the company, whose genetically altered soya and other crops have been a key target of opponents. The campaign is aimed at presenting the science behind these novel products to boost public confidence.

The report, written this autumn, states: "The latest survey shows an ongoing collapse of public support for biotechnology and GM foods. At each point in this project, we keep thinking that we have reached the low point and

The report, written by Stan Green-berg, an American polling adviser to President Clinton, Tony Blair and Gerhard Schroeder, the German Chancellor, argues that public opposition to accelerating.

gene-altered foods and crops is indeed He has found that the number of people in Britain who believe gene-modified ingredients are unacceptable has

Carey warns on school reform

THE Archbishop of Canter-bury. Dr George Carey, gave a warning last night of a potential clash between Church and State over threats to the Church of England's influence on education.

Dr Carey, outlining his strategy for the strengthening of the country's 5,000 Anglican schools, warned that government proposals to reform local government could weaken the Church's influence in schools. Church leaders place partic-

ular value on the importance of a Christian education in contributing to the development of a child's moral ethos, and they are determined to stop proposals to remove church representatives from local authority education committees, and place them on "scrutiny

Addressing the general synod at Church House, WestminChurch fears education revamp will stifle its voice, **Ruth Gledhill** reports

ster, Dr Carey described the government's consultation paper, Modern Local Government, as "one area of potential

conflict" in the future.

Dr Carey said: "While the government has been receptive to many of our views about education, there is I fear the possibility — I put it no higher — of some of the shine being taken off that under-

"As currently envisaged in the consultation document on modern local government, the voice of the Church could be weakened."

Education committees are made up of elected members and co-opted church representatives with voting rights. Bishons are now concerned because the local government consultation document fails to guarantee the continuation of

However, a spokesman for the department of environment, transport and the regions said that under the proposals, religious organisations would continue to be full voting members of local authority committees. But in future, they ould be on the new "scrutiny committees" which would give them a "wider, more dynamic

hese voting rights.

Dr Carey spoke as the synod voted to set up a commission to look into the future of church schools, described as "popular and oversubscribed"

in a recent church report. Dr Carey said that the education offered by church schools was so good that demand consistently exceeded supply. One reason, he said, was the good academic results achieved by church schools. Another was that they also nurtured the heart and soul.

This unified and coherent approach is clearly appreciated by many parents." Dr Carey said.

"They see the kind of education we offer as right for their children, even though in some cases they may not regard themselves as Christian or reli-

gious at all."

The Church of England will soon acknowledge the existence of Leeds for the first time in its diocesan nomenclature. The synod voted to change the name of the diocese of Ripon to Ripon and Leeds.



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Mr Pendragon - no one is sure whether that is his real name - is a familiar face in Glastonbury, the Somerset town which boasts that it is the mystical centre of New Age Britain. A certified local eccentric. he is a regular visitor to the civic offices.

Now Mendip District Council has ordered an inquiry into why Graham Jeffs, its chief ex-lcutive, gave in to his bizarre Council chief

regrets letting a local eccentric

dig for treasure.

reports Simon de Bruxelles

marched into the council offices in the town last week boast-ing of his royal links and claiming that the late Dodi Fayed had buried the money in a metal box for him in 1990. After a two-hour discussion with staff, Mr Jeffs signed a one-line letter that read: 'This is to authorise Stuart Pendragon to dig for his box next to the postbox between Fielding Path

and Monington Road." Yesterday Mr Jeffs tried to explain. "A very sensitive and difficult situation arose," he said. "Professional advice was obtained, which was why this piece of paper was given to him. But it did not give him permission to use the highway or to use a mechanical digger.

"Mr Pendragon is known to staff at the offices. Over a number of years, depending on how agitated he is, he comes into the offices asking for help and advice on various issues. Having taken advice

from various people including the police, and in a bid to placate him, I decided to dictate him a very short note saying that he had got permission to dig the hole.
"But at the ome nobody ex-

pected, and no one could envisage, him being able to hire a mechanical digger." He added: "I was concerned about the welfare of female staff as he can appear aggressive. The letter was given to him with the best intentions to placate him. In hindsight I wouldn't do it

Mr Pendragon and a friend began the search for buried treasure early on November 4. Neighbours watched in amazement as they ripped up the top layer of asphalt with the digger and then clambered into the hole armed with shovels and a metal detector. As traffic jams built up, Som-

erset County Council asked its road management agents what was going on. The digger was removed and Mr Jeffs had to write a second letter countermanding the first. When told that he should

not have dug the hole, Mr Pendragon claimed that he was within inches of recovering the

Gloria Cawood, the council's Liberal Democrat leader. said: "I don't know the full background, but Mr Jeffs will be asked some questions."



Stuart Pendragon in the hole in Glastonbury. He was given permission to dig by the council's chief executive

Man murdered judo opponent who had offered him a home



Beverley Price: she had

A MAN who strangled a woman judo opponent who had proved too skilful for him in club combat was jailed for life for murder yesterday.

Richard Roberts and Beverley Price had fought each other in practice bouts over a 15-month period. Roberts, 24, a brown belt, weighed three stone more than Miss Price. 23, but she was a black belt and one place off the British women's Olympic squad. Roberts told police that they had fought 50 to 60 practice bouts together at the Samurai Judo Club in Kidderminster but he "invari-Winchester Crown Court was told

that Miss Price had offered Roberts.

formerly of Kidderminster, a temporary home in her Worcester flat when his parents threw him out for stealing cash from them to fund a gambling addiction. A month later, Miss Price returned from teaching judo and a violent row developed. Roberts, who was unemployed, demanded £20 from her after he had spent £300 playing fruit machines. He pushed Miss Price over when she refused to give him the money, and she responded by kicking him between the legs.

Roberts grabbed the belt from her judo trousers, which were nearby, the noise coming from the flat.

for Hereford United ladies and helped run a Baptist youth club, put up a desperate battle to save her life. Roberts said: "I wanted to hurt her as she had hurt me. It was pure anger. She was flailing about trying to get her fingers in the belt but it was too

Roger Smith, QC, for the prosecution, said that Roberts had wound the belt twice round her neck and used his elbows as levers.

He added: They knew each other's capabilities, but if it was sheer power she was no match for his greater strength."

Roberts covered Miss Price's body Miss Price, who also played soccer with a duvet, and spent two nights at him cash because he would only garn- out of jail."

her home. He withdrew £400 using her credit card and spent it gambling on fruit machines in a Worcester ar-

Miss Price's mother was discovered by her mother after she failed to turn up at Midlands Electricity, where she was worked as a telecommunications engineer.

Roberts, a former scoutmaster, surrendered to police after arriving at the scene. He had lost his job with a fencing firm shortly before the killing and was depressed over a failed love

affair with another woman.

ble it away. Roberts claimed that he had lost his self-control because of provocation. But Mr Smith said: "He remembered the precise way he tightened the ligature. He was master of his own mind."

The victim's mother, Jean Price, 58, said later: "She was better than him at judo but the coward strangled her from behind — and he was a far heav-ier opponent. We shall never forgive

Mrs Price's husband Trevor, 57. added: "I cry every time her name is mentioned. Capital punishment Roberts said that he had felt "three - should be brought back. Life should inches tall" when Miss Price refused mean life and he should never come

Airman **'lured** women into film trap'

By Gillian Harris SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

AN AIRMAN secretly filmed women as they undressed for photographic portraits at an RAF base, a court martial was told yesterday. Senior Aircraftman Lee

Carter, 29, is alleged to have used a hidden video camera to film eight women as they changed outfits to have their photographs taken in a studio at RAF Lossiemouth in northeast Scotland, Colleagues of the airman found the lapes in a brown bag in his locker, watched them and recognised

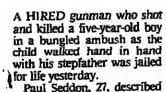
some of the women.
The eight were colleagues or the wives of servicemen stationed at Lossiemouth. They were said to have been filmed over a 14-month period up to December 1996.

The court heard that the airman was employed as an official photographer at the base and offered to take portraits of the women. Flight lieutenant Matthew Pattenden, prosecuting, said: "He would ask them to bring changes of clothing and invited them into the studio. Unknown to them, they were being filmed by a strategically placed video camera. The videos were discovered in the defendant's locker in early 1997 and he was reported."

The court heard statements given by colleagues who watched the tapes after discovering them in his locker. One said: 'We realised the camera had been set up in the video ed-iting suite and was recording. After a moment or two, Lee Carter entered the room, adjusted the camera and left again. He then came back with a female and explained to her that the blinds were down and she could undress."

The court martial also watched some of the video footage. Senior Aircraftman Carter denies eight charges of disgraceful conduct of an indecent kind contrary to the Air Force Act of 1955. He had been due to leave the service in April this year, but his departure was put on hold because the court-martial proceedings were under way. The case continues today.

Hired gunman gets life for killing boy, 5, in drug feud



for life yesterday.

Paul Seddon, 27, described by police as a cold. calculating killer, was told by a judge at Preston Crown Court that he will have to serve at least 25 years after being convicted of murdering Dillon Hull in a Bolton street.

The jury also found two others, David Hargreaves, 24, and Craig Hollinrake. 25. guilty of conspiring with Seddon to murder Dillon's stepfather. John Bates. All three convicted men are from Bolton. Brian Roper, 22, also of Bolton, was acquitted of the con-

During five weeks of evidence, the court was told how Dillon was shot by a gunman disguised in a motorcycle crash helmet. The boy had been caught in the firing line of a Bolton drug feud. The intended target was Mr Bates. 28, a small-time dealer suspected by his rivals of undercut-Seddon, who had been lying





'Child born into a deadly world

in wait, pulled a hand gun from his jacket and fired. He then fled discarding the helmet and abandoning his geta-way car. He left Mr Bates wounded and holding his step-son, who had been killed instantly by a bullet to the head. Mr Justice Forbes said that the crime, on August 6 last year, had "sent shockwaves through the country". He told the court: "On a summer's af-ternoon a child was shot in

area of Bolton. "Ordinary citizens were brought in immediate contact

broad daylight in a residential



Guilty men: David Hargreaves, left, and Paul Seddon

with horrifying violence and tragic death." Earlier the judge said that it might never be known who had hired Seddon. But he told him: "I have no doubt that your attack was carried out in order to further the interests of those who were engaged in dealing illegal drugs in Bolton.

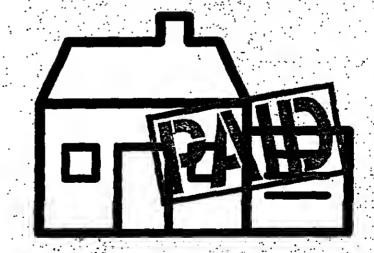
"It was at their behest. You were their hired killer. You brought sudden violence and terror to the residential streets of Bolton on that warm summer's afternoon. You also brought death, but not to your intended victim - you only

wounded him. You brought death to an innocent little boy who had the misfortune of holding hands with your target at the time you opened fire.

"So it was, you shot and murdered Dillon Hull, who was only 514 years old. Those two sentences express more eloquently than any other words I could use for the terrible nature of your crimes. You have never shown the slightest remorse and apparently you feel no shame at what you have

He told Seddon that he would recommend that he serve at least 25 years. As he was led away Seddon, who has previous convictions for drug offences, shouted: "I didn't pull the trigger. It wasn't me ..."

Hargreaves, who was described by the judge as the main conspirator, was sentenced to 18 years. Hollinrake, said by the judge to have shown some distress at the child's death, was given 16 years. As he was led away, he pointed at the judge and bellowed: "You are full of shirt. I'll see you in the Royal Courts of



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 McDonald's. He was walking hand-in-hand with his stepfather when Paul Seddon opened fire, killing Dillon instantly. Dealers had wanted Bates dead because he was un-

fused their offers to join them. Dillon's death sparked an inquest among social services



forward to McDonald's

conclusion was that Dillon was loved and well cared for. just unlucky to be born into the dangerous world of his mother and stepfather. Jane Hull. 29, is now taking

er on the day Dillon had died. She said that she had tried to ring the police but had been stopped by Bates. Jane Hull left school at 16 with a single GCSE. She

that a bullet had smashed

through their front room earli-

moved in with her grandmother in Blackburn and worked as a sewing machinist. She was introduced to drugs at raves, then progressed to heroin. Dillon's father did not stay with her long enough to fill in the space for his name on the boy's birth certificate. Shortly after Dillon was

supported her addiction. Three weeks before Dillon's

death, she gave birth to anoth-

born, she met Bates and they moved into a house in Blackburn together. His dealing

methadone. She told the court er son, Codie. He was born ad-

"She started losing weight at an incredible rate and became

Her father, Robert, said:

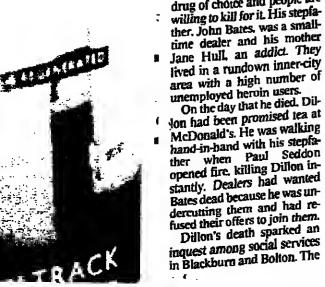
dicted to beroin.

very moody and irritable. It became obvious she was taking heroin. I think the social services went around after Jane became a registered addict, but her home was always spotless and Dillon clean and tidy, so they probably saw nothing wroog."

The couple went to court in

March 1995 after police raided their home for drugs. Bates was given 21 months' jail for dealing and Hull was put on probation for two years. "I told her again she had to

get her life in order or Dillon would suffer," Mr Hull said. "If only she had listened, Dilion would be here today."



Parkinson drug banned after liver deaths

son's disease has been with-drawn after three patients died of liver disease.

The European Commission requested yesterday that members states suspend the use of Tasmar, made by Roche. It has not been withdrawn in the United States, where the Food and Drug Administration takes the view that, in a condition as serious as Parkinson's. some side-effects are a tolerable price to pay for the drug's

The decisions follow cases of "rare and unexpected adverse including three deaths from a sudden and severe form of hepatitis, all linked to use of the drug. The dead parients were from Switzerland and North America. About 5.000 of Britain's

120,000 Parkinson's sufferers have been using Tasmar, which is prescribed because it enhances the effect of other medicines. The company was aware that liver damage was one side-effect of Tasmar, and recommended that liver function should be monitored for the first six months of use.

Roche and the Parkinson's Disease Society yesterday advised users to consult their doctors, not simply to stop taking

Nigel Hawkes

reports on a scare that has divided opinion in EU and America

the drug, since an abrupt change in treatment could have adverse effects.

The drug was launched in August 1997 and, as is the case with all new drugs, any adverse side-effects were followed up among the 100,000 patients worldwide who have been prescribed it. In the United States, the FDA is issuing a revised label indicating that Tasmar can continue to be used as an adjunct therapy in patients who do not respond satisfactorily to other thera-

John Drake, Roche's Medi-cal Group Manager, said: "We have had to look at the background incidence of fulminant (sudden and severe) hepatitis. We have had three cases out of 100,000 people and we have to ask therefore, is that

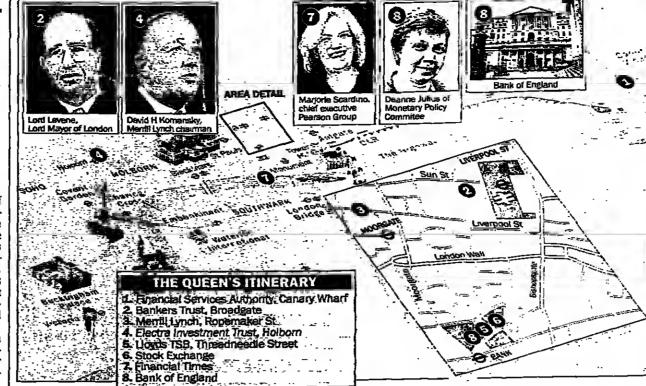
about the normal incidence of the disease? In this case it appears to be more than we would have expected so we have to assume that Tasmar is actually associated with hepatitis, and we have to take action.

The Roche position was that relabelling was all that was necessary, but the European Union decided to suspend the licence.

There is hot competition among drug companies to pro-duce effective treatments for Parkinson's, a progressive disease which causes shaking, muscle stiffness, and slowness of movement. It is caused by the shortage of dopamine, a chemical messenger, in the part of the brain which controls movement.

The condition can be treated with levodopa drugs which raise the levels of dopamine, but the effectiveness of these drugs wears off in time. Sometimes their effectiveness can be restored by prescribing drugs which blocks the enzyme which breaks down levodopa. Tasmar was the first such drug to be licensed in Britain.

A Tasmar helpline staffed by health professionals, on 0800 328 3202, has been set up for anyone concerned about



Queen is in the counting house

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE Queen will pay tribute today to the City of London's international importance. Her extended visit, with the Duke of Edinburgh, is an early example of the targeted approach that Buckingham Pal-ace has been endeavouring to bring to the Queen's appointments.

She will start by opening the new build-ing of the Financial Services Authority at Canary Wharf, meeting its staff, industry practitioners and those involved in building the office. Then she will go to the City proper, to be greeted by the Lord Mayor, Lord Levene of Portsoken, at Bankers

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Next she will call into the boardroom of Electra Investment Trust at Kingsway. to meet members of companies that make flooring (Amtico) and shoes (Dolcis), and grow flowers and bulbs (Winchester Growers), as examples of enterprises into

which the City puts its money.

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on computer screens.

The couple will reunite for lunch with the City's "house journal", the Financial Times. Finally, the Queen and the Duke will visit the Bank of England and meet the Governor, Eddie George, and members of the Monetary Policy Committee. An evening reception at the Palace will be attended by 600 staff from a cross-section of City institutions.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sailor da soainst

Boy dies after rail game

A schoolboy has died after being blown off a railway bridge by a 25,000-volt electric sbock and run over by a train.

The unnamed 14-year-old and a friend had been playing in Birmingham on Monday afternoon when the accident happened. Police said that he had been dangling a wire ca-ble over the track in Nechells and it apparently touched a power cable.

A British Transport Police spokesman said: "The force of the voltage blew the boy off the bridge on to the tracks. Moments later he was hit by the train." The child was taken to Birmingham Heart-lands Hospital, suffering from multiple injuries and died yesterday.

Lorry fire death

One person died and several others were injured when a lorry crashed into a petrol station in thick fog and caught fire. Staff at the Fina station on the A14 at Lolworth, Cambridgeshire, avoided an explo-sion by isolating fuel supplies.

Red Arrow crash

A Red Arrows pilot ejected safely from bis Hawk jet before it crashed on the runway of RAF Cranwell in Lincolnshire during a training exercise. He was trying to land the aircraft. which was destroyed. An inquiry has been started.

Damages denied.

The footballer Kieran Brady has lost a £2 million damages claim against his club. Sunder-land. The Court of Appeal ruled that the club doctor could not have been expected to diagnose the rare vascular condi-tion that ended his career,

Envoy's bomb

Bomb disposal experts carried out a controlled explosion on a wartime shell found in an ambassador's garden near London Zoo. Easa Saleh al-Gurg, of the United Arab Emirates, his wife and staff were moved to safety.

Lowry sold

A painting by L. S. Lowry that had bung for 20 years in the school hall at Princess Helena College in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, sold for £298,500 at Phillips in London. The 1935 work, May Day, showed of children around a maypole.

Fast-lane mouse

The Evans Halshaw Porsche dealership in Little Aston, Staf-fordshire, found that a hole the size of a television screen in the cover of a convertible Porsche had been caused not by vandals, but by a mouse that had subsequently died.

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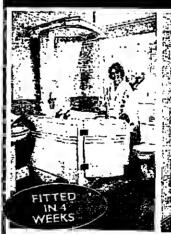
By HELEN JOHNSTONE

AN AIR of diesel-free contentment prevailed yesterday in Newbury as the lown woke up to the knowledge that its £100 million bypass had been opened unannounced during the night.

Unlike its construction, the opening passed without the demonstrators who had turned the project into the biggest road protest in Britain. A police car carrying Tony Scutt, project director for the construction company Costain, led the way on to the dual-car-riageway at 1.25am. It was swiftly followed by several heavy goods vehicles.

Within hours, workmen were honouring a council pledge to start pedestrianising the town centre. Ann Boardman, who lives on the through route which used to see up to 400 lorries an hour, said the air already smelt sweeter.

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Sailor dies after four-day battle against storms

British couple's dream voyage ended as their damaged

yacht ran aground in New Zealand, reports Tim Jones

A BRITISH woman has been swept to her death off a remote stretch of the northern coast of New Zealand after she and her husband lost a four-day battle to steer their damaged 52ft yachi through stormy seas

to safety.

The body of Anita Mary
Dean, 52 from Hull, who suffered from multiple sclerosis, was found at Great Exhibition Bay, near the northern tip of New Zealand. Her husband, Roger, 53, was found alive, clinging to the wreckage of the yacht, which was washed up

on a beach near Everitts Creek at about 5pm on Monday, British ume.

The couple, who had spent 34: years sailing around the world, had been en route from Fiji to New Zealand last week when gale-force winds damaged the steering mechanism of their 18-tonne yacht, Woody

Senior Constable Shane Godinet, of Houhora Police, said that the couple had been exhausted after fighting the storm and had set a drag an-

fired two red distress flares at 5am, which were spotted by chor to slow the vessel down residents on the shore."

Coastguards, guided by two aircraft, tried to rescue the

> "An hour later, the yacht was found beached and shortly after, the body of Mrs Dean was recovered," Constable

> Godinet said. He said that Mr Dean had told him that he had last seen his wife on the deck wearing a safety harness, but that mo-ments later, when he looked again, she had gone and the harness was empty. Sergeant Rogan Parker

tried and failed to start their vessel's engine, then to raise The Deans slept for more than they had anticipated and woke to find that they were too close to the shore," he said. 'The vessel's diesel engine failed to start and the couple

about five miles off the coast so

that they could rest. When

they awoke, however, winds

were gusting at up to 40mph

and they were drifting danger-ously close to the shore. They

pair but were driven back by the conditions.

said; "At the moment we don't know if the boat overturned or the woman fell overboard. We have been told that the woman was wearing a safety line during the emergency, but that omehow she became separated from it."

Constable Godinet said that Maori leaders in the area had placed a tapu on Great Exhibition Bay, marking the site as a sacred area out of respect for Her body was taken to a mortuary at Kaitaia, where a post-mortem examination is to be carried out. The couple had left Britain

more than three years ago, and were believed to have fived in New Zealand for some years before returning to Hull. A local fishermen, Bill Hopkins, said that sea conditions in the area at the time of the accident were extremely poor.

Hec Crane, a harbourmaster,

said that the coast had been

buffeted by strong winds for

Last night Bert Constable, one of the couple's neighbours in Hull, said: They were a lovely couple. It had always been Roger's dream to go cruising around the world."

Woody Goose.

Another, Eric Ormrod, said: "I am very sorry. This has come as a shock. Their son, Mark, told us that they had run aground on Fiji not long

several days, and that condi-

tions would have been terrifying aboard a yacht the size of ago and they had been pulled off. He was going to show us some video footage taken of them this weekend."

It is believed that the Deans were members of the Humber Yawl Club, The Woody Goose, which was built in France in 1974, was powered by sail and a single screw. It had one deck and two masts.

The Registry of Pleasure Yachts in Gibraltar said that the vessel was listed as being

Thirteen easy steps to surgery on the high seas

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN WASHINGTON

A WEEK ago Victor Yazykov was alone on a yachi in the South Atlantic with a lifethreatening abscess on his elbow. Yesterday he was recovering at the Russian consulate in Cape Town, thanks to a solarpowered modern and a helpful doctor in suburban Boston.

Without anaesthetic - but after a 13-step procedure emailed to him in what re-mained of the daylight on which his computer link depended — the solo vachtsman used a scalpel to cut open and empty the abscess.

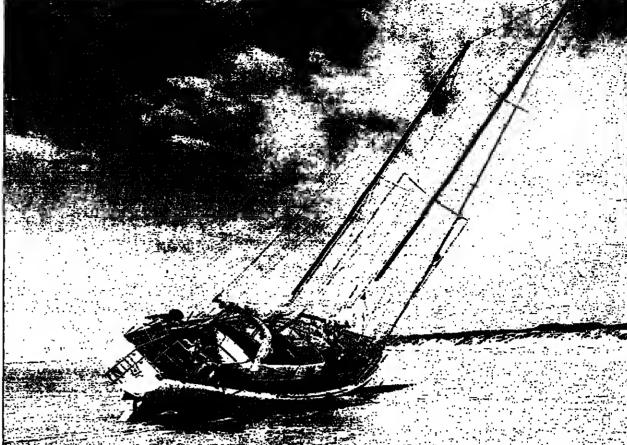
At the other end of the computer link was Daniel Carlin, on call from Boston for the Around Alone yacht race. He received the Russian's first message last Tuesday. "My right elbow does not look good," it went, "Some yellow spot in the middle of red and it feels like dead." The doctor re-quested further details. "All skin is glossy and shiny white," Yazykov replied.

Dr Carlin urgently typed out the 13 steps. "He had to set up a small operating theatre on his boat." he said yester-day. "I told him it would hurt a lot and, if it didn't, he wasn't doing it right. Had the abscess ruptured it would have set up a terrible infection."

Yazykov's final task was to stop the bleeding. He had failed to tell the doctor he had been taking aspirin, which prevented his blood clotting. By by Thursday he wrote: "Have been sitting on the bloody cab-in floor almost completely na-

ked ... watching as my life drop by drop is leaving me." Contacted by telephone yes-terday, Yazykov, 50. a former commando in the Russian Army, told The Times: "I can laugh now, but for half an hour it was very, very bad Death was my real concern."

With Dr Carlin's advice the bleeding eventually stopped. Yazykov's last message to Boston read: "The arm getting better. Very grateful to doctor."
Yasykov had built his own boat and sailed it 7,500 miles from Sochi, on the Black Sea, to South Carolina for the start



The Woody Goose lies stranded in Great Exhibition Bay. Mrs Dean fell overboard despite her safety harness





Anita and Roger Dean: sailed the world for three years

Hunt for Nazi loot in Britain

By Dalya Alberge

THE country's museums were asked yesterday to study the provenance of every ob-ject in their collections to ensure that there was nothing that could have been looted from victims of the Nazis.

Lord Janner of Braunstone, chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, said that any work of art acquired after 1945 that was found to have been stolen by the Nazis should be returned to the original owners or their family, if no one could be traced, it should be sold for the benefit of organisations that care for survivors.

He expressed dismay that so many victims had failed to regain their property while the family of Himmler, head of the Gestapo and the SS, had apparently been able to hold on to stolen treasures - "on the grounds that he wasn't a convicted war criminal". Himmler killed himself in captivity before he could be put on trial.

The trust's study, Nazi Looted Art: Britain and Post-War Restitution, published yesterday, draws on previously unseen files from the Public Record Office and points out that art plundered by the Third Reich was regarded by the Allies as the victors' legitimate war booty rather than the property of the victims from whom it had originally been seized.

In some cases, paintings ended up on the walls of Foreign Office buildings in London and the offices of the British postwar military government in Germany. Lord Janner called for an audit of the Armed Forces' collections.

to be returned to the government of the

country from which it had originated. It was then up to individual states whether they then returned it to private owners. In some cases, the rules were broken for influential figures, but ordinary indviduals got no help, say the authors, Stephen Ward and Ian Locke.

Documents that they uncovered show that Himmler's family appears to have been allowed to keep some of the collection he accumulated while in charge of the Third Reich's art looting. An inventory of works found in the Wewelsburg concentration camp includes 13 paintings, seven tapestries, 22 carpets and 11 gilt frames. In 1949 an official in the British zone of Germany ruled: "If any of the property cannot be identified as having been forcibly tak-The Allies agreed that all looted art was en away from its former owner, it is not, prima facie, restitutable."

'The Spiral' seeks £75m

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A DAY after the Victoria and Albert Museum's controversial and futuristic extension was approved, the museum's staff are facing the next big hurdle — finding £75 million

to make it possible. Gwyn Miles, the V&A's bead of major projects, insist-ed that the museum was completely confident of being able to inspire sponsors. While acknowledging that the same few people were being "tapped by everyone under the sun", there were some do-

to other things". The museum is also likely to travel abroad in search of funds.

The Royal Borough of Kensingtoo and Chelsea's planning and conservation committee voted on Monday night in favour of the design, which has been dismissed by some as "a spiral of crumpled boxes". A number of local resi-

dents have also derided it. Ms Miles said, however, that a MORI poll of residents suggested that eight out of ten favoured it and would want to visit it once it opens, which is expected to be in 2004.

The V&A intends to posinors who "may not have given _ tion the controversial exten-

tween its existing Victorian galleries in South Kensington, It was designed by the American architect Daniel Libeskind as part of a project to provide more gallery space. The new building, which was rejected for National Lottery funding by the Millennium Commission. bas 12,000 square metres of floor space on 12 floors, four of which are underground. The extension includes an underground au-

sion, known as The Spiral, be-

The museum is a Grade I building and the work has to had to ensure that the rest of the structure is safeguarded. of the race.

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Robertson cuts swath through the TA

By Michael Evans, defence editor

MANY of Britain's bestknown regiments, such as the Green Howards, the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, will be cut back in the restructured and reduced Territorial Army announced by George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, yes-

The changes will more than halve the number of infantry battalions and force TA regiments into new-style amalgamated units.

After widespread criticism of Mr Robertson's proposal to cut the TA from its establishment figure of 59,000 to 40,000, as part of the Strategic Defence Review, he announced that he was restoring

1,200 to the manpower level. No decision has been made on names for the 15 TA infantry regiments that will be created out of 33 battalions. That will be the responsibility of the fantry. Mr Robertson promised that no cap badges would be lost, even though many bat-talions would be only company size - about 100 men.

He said that the new total of 41,200 did not represent as big a cut as had been suggested be cause the current strength of the TA was only 54,000. This meant the cut was only 13,000, "a modest reduction".

We lose about that figure each year through natural wastage," Mr Robertson said at the Ministry of Defence. The cuts would save £70 million a year from the TA budget of £350 million.

He predicted that critics of his decision to cut the Territorials would be won round by his promise to convert them from their traditional image of weekend warriors" to "a new,

more heavyweight role".

Apart from the infantry battalions, the seven TA yeomanry regiments attached to the Royal Armoured Corps are to



time they will be given tanks to train on, including the Chal-lenger 2. The Royal Artillery TA regiments, which are to remain at seven, will be allowed for the first time to fire the

Army's new AS90 gun. Instead of training to defend the United Kingdom from a Soviet invasion — its role in the Cold War — the TA would work with the regulars as "a wholly integrated force" in many types of operations.

for civil emergencies.
In a leaked letter to Mr Rob-He even promised that he ertson, he said the TA might be needed to help to run public would be prepared to call up the TA "in formed units if need services affected by computer be", rather than as attachshutdowns in 2000 - the soments to regular units, but

UK, such as the Gulf War.

Robertson by some of his Cabi-

net colleagues, in particular

Donald Dewar, the Scottish

Secretary. He was worried

that a thinning of the TA in outlying areas of Scotland would

be damaging if it were needed

Robertson said he had added only in situations "that fall short of a direct threat to the the 1,200 for "operational, not political reasons". The extra personnel would be paid for The minor concession oo within the overall army budgoverall manpower came after strong representations to Mr et. He would not have to ask

the Treasury for more money. Under his plans, announced in the Commons, 87 drill centres will be sold to raise £40 million. The closed centres would be spread as evenly as possible across the country.

Some of the biggest changes are: the two TA battalions of The Parachute Regiment, 4 Para and 10 Para, to be reduced to one battalion, consisting of three companies about 360 men; the two battal-

ions of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment also to be cut to one battalion of three companies. Other TA regiments will lose one company, including the Staffordshire Regiment, the Royal Gloucestershire, the Berkshire and Will-shire Regiment, and the Duke

of Wellington's Regiment. The Royal Regiment of Wales and the Royal Welch Fusiliers are 10 be combined to form a Welsh regiment. The TA's two SAS regiments are unaffected by the cuts.

Mr Robertson, fully support

ed yesterday by General Sir Roger Wheeler, the Chief of the General Staff, promised

that saleable drill centres used by the Army Cadets would stay open until other arrangements could be made. He announced an extra £12 million for the cadets and said they would not face any cuts. He said that TA members

facing redundancy would have new opportunities to serve in the regular forces or to join the volunteer reserves of the two other services - the Royal Naval Reserve, which is to increase from 3.500 to 3,850. and the Reserve Air Forces, which will rise from 2,650 to 2.920.

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The TA's 10 Para in training: they will soon cease to exist

3½ years' jail for groping doctor

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By RICHARD DUCE

POLICE yesterday praised the bravery of eight women who had the courage to relive sexual ordeals inflicted upon them by their family doctor and to see him jailed for 3h years.

For 17 years Gerald Walmsley had preyed on young female patients at surgeries in Yorkshire and Kent as he subjected them to indecent assaults on his consulting room Many of his victims were

too scared to report the incidents but, once one woman voiced her alarm, it opened up a floodgate of concern about treatment by the 50-year-old father of two adopted daughters. After a jury at Maidstone Crown Court yesterday convicted Walmsley on ten charges of indecent assault. Judge David Griffiths told him: "An indecent assault on a young woman is a serious matter in any case, but in your case the victims were all young and vulnerable female patients. This involves a grave breach of

Walmsley simply bowed his head as sentence was passed and his wife, Yvonne, stared straight ahead as he was led from the dock. His career is now in tatters and it is expected he will be struck off by the General Medical Council. The judge also ordered that he placed indefinitely on the register for sexual offenders.

None of the victims was in court but each was contacted by police to tell them that Walmsley had been jailed. Many of them had been reduced to tears as they gave evidence against a man whom they believed they should have trusted.

During his trial the court heard how the doctor had carried out the assaults between 1980 and 1997. Five of his victims, two of whom were assaulted twice, were patients at his Lime Hill Road surgery in Tunbridge Wells, Kent,

The other three were patients at the Yeadon health centre, near Leeds, where he first practised between 1976-86.

Arnhem Paras could hold out no more

THE 10th Battalion The Parachute Regiment, whose proud history stems back to the Second World War battle over the bridge at Arnhem, will cease to exist as a battalion in London.

"It's like having the family split up," said its spokesman, Major Robert Partridge. "There's a great sadness among those who have trained together. But the guys will probably be found jobs. No one turns away such well-trained airborne troops as the Paras."

The cuts announced yesterday will mean that the combined number of 10 Para and 4 Para will be reduced from

The battalion's finest bour came

Michael Horsnell on a sad day for proud unit

when, surrounded and vastly outnumbered by German SS Panzer troops, it made an heroic stand at Oosterbeek, three miles west of the main bridge at Arnhem. For four days, without resupply or reinforcement, 60 men and two officers - all that remained of the battalion - held out against staggering odds before withdrawing across the

lower Rhine. Of the 800 men who dropped into The Netherlands, only 35 answered the roll call on the south bank eight days later. Colonel Lionel Queripel was awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallant action at Oosterbeek.

The battalion was reformed in 1947 as the 10th (City of London) Parachute Battalion TA. The unit's soldiers take great pride in their nickname, Lon-Each September the battalion re-

turns to Arnhem and the troops para-

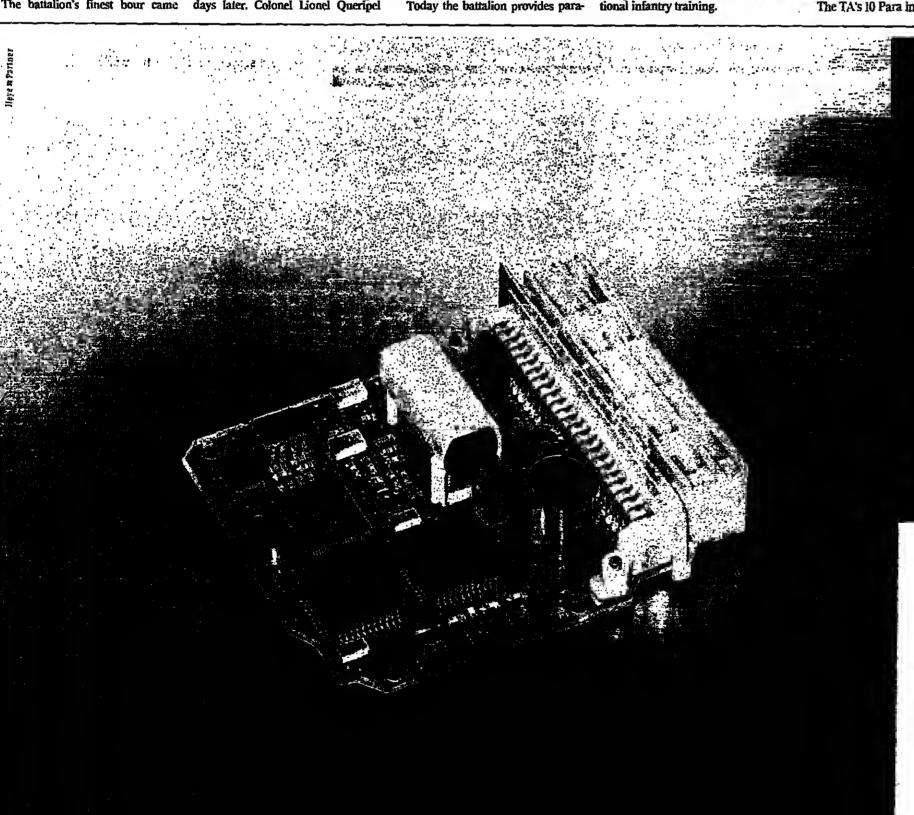
chute onto Ginkel Heath, the wartime drop zone, where they mount a guard at the town's annual memorial service to the British and Polish dead.

Today the battalion provides para-

chute-trained soldiers to reinforce regular parachate battalions in 5 Airborne Brigade. Although a Territorial Army unit, it has many soldiers who wear Northern Ireland, Bosnia and UN medals, having served six-month attachments to regular army battal-

In 1996 IO Para provided more than 100 soldiers to support 5 Airborne Brigade on Exercise Purple Star in the

To ensure readiness, the battalion regularly conducts training exercises in parachute assault and airfield seizure procedures in addition to conven-



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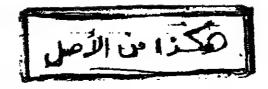
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Silver surfers turn off TV for computer

By Alan Copps

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BRITONS are increasingly turning off the television and turning to the home computer, which can now be found in one in lour households.

Among the keenest are comouter users over 60m, who have earned the nickname "silver surfers" by spending ten hours a week at the keyboard. three hours longer than the average. They are likely to spend more time than younger relatives talking about computers. New surveys show that

more than a million adults have used the Internet for the first time in the past six months, bringing the total to 7 million or 15 per cent of the adult population. There are a further million users aged 14 to 17, including users at work and school. Companies offering mail-order sales on the World Wide Web are hoping for the first electronic Christmas shopping spree.

Three new surveys taken to-gether provide a full picture of computer use and its effect on television habits. Just over half the users said that their favourite time to sit down at the home PC was between 6pm and 8pm, just when Coronation Street and EastEnders

ONLINE OVER-60s What the silver surfers do on their computers

younger users on handling their personal finances and

home accounts on the PC. The

proportion who play computer

games - about a third - is the

same as among mothers in

More than a quarter of households said that help with

children's homework was a

major use, more popular

among girls (42 per cent) than

boys (29 per cent). Children in

Newcastle and Birmingham

are twice as likely to do home-

work at the keyboard as those

in London or Glasgow. Only

one in ten university students

used a PC for study, but 78 per

cent said they played compu-

ter games.
Microsoft also identified the

rise of the muldple computer household. Of those owning

PCs, 20 per cent had two and 8

Online shopping.

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per cent at least three.

PC-owning households.

Personal finance/s Play games Surf the Net

based on a two-year study of 500 families, 100 each from London, Manchester, Glasgow. Newcastle upon Tyne and Birmingham. It concluded that PC-owning households spent 15 hours a week watching television - four hours less than the national average — and seven hours at the PC In a second survey, by inter-

netTrak, 11 per cent said that they watched less television since getting a PC. In the third survey, online market research by the Internet company Lycos put the figure who had reduced their television watching at 47 per cent.

The Microsoft survey identifies the silver surfer as an important consumer, with a quar-The first survey, the Microsoft Computer Age Report, is ter of over-60s using the Inter-net. They are keener than

I'm hooked, says 'cyber granny'

MASTERING the language of to see if I have received new ecomputing at the age of 84 was a daunting task, confessed Lady Wright, widow of Sir Roland Wright, a former chairman of ICI.

She was convinced that grappling with a mouse was a waste of time. Less than three months later she is sending emails to her children and grandchildren, reading 20th-century history from a CD-Rom and is about to link up with a friend in Australia.

"I honestly thought I would never get the hang of it." she said. "But now I am hooked and find it fascinating." Lady Wright, who lives in Eastbourne, tries to limit herself to two hours a day, but admits: "I have burnt my supper."

Eventually, she believes she will use the computer to write all her letters. "It was like learning Greek at first - I was hopeless - but my son wrote down all the instructions for me. Now I am always looking

mail. It might just be a few lines, but you never know when it will arrive. I think everyone should have a go." Mrs Wright's son, John.

who is bursar of Trevelyan College, Durham, said: "My 14-year-old son thinks having a cyber grampy is pretty cool." . The college hosts introductory courses for the elderly. "Using the Internet is a completely different environment to pen and resistance." Mr Wright said. "Once overcome, it means the elderly can communicate with people all over the world."

The growing number of "silver surfers" has led to the creation of the Zimmer Frame Computer Club (ZFC), which now has 3,000 members, mostly over 50. Danny Kilgariff, 69, from Lincoln, its co-founder, said: The joy of e-mail is that you don't have to write a long letter — a few paragraphs is enough to keep in touch."

QUOTE OF THE DAY FROM CORBY

"As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this capsule was supplied by the lowest bidder."





Sir Geoff yesterday: "The decoration will take pride of place with my World Cup medal"

Hats off to hero of 1966 as Hurst is knighted

GEOFF HURST was knighted by the Queen yesterday and said that the ceremony was more demanding than scoring his hat-trick in England's 4-2 World Cup win over West Germany in 1966.

Sir Geoff, 56, said outside Buckingham Palace: "I didn't expect to be nervous today, but when the day came I was, whereas 32 years ago, playing at Wembley came like second nature to me. Sir Geoff, who was accom-panied by his wife, Judith,

and two of his daughters. Claire, 33, and Charlotte, 21, is the only lootballer to have scored a hat-trick in a World Cup final. "It was almost like full circle because it was the Queen who presented the Engand team with the trophy at Wembley in 1966," he said. Sir Geoff, who is helping to set up the FA Premier League Hall of Fame, added: "The knighthood decoration will take pride of place beside my World Cup medal." He received his knighthood for serv-

ices to football. Barry Norman, the television presenter, was awarded

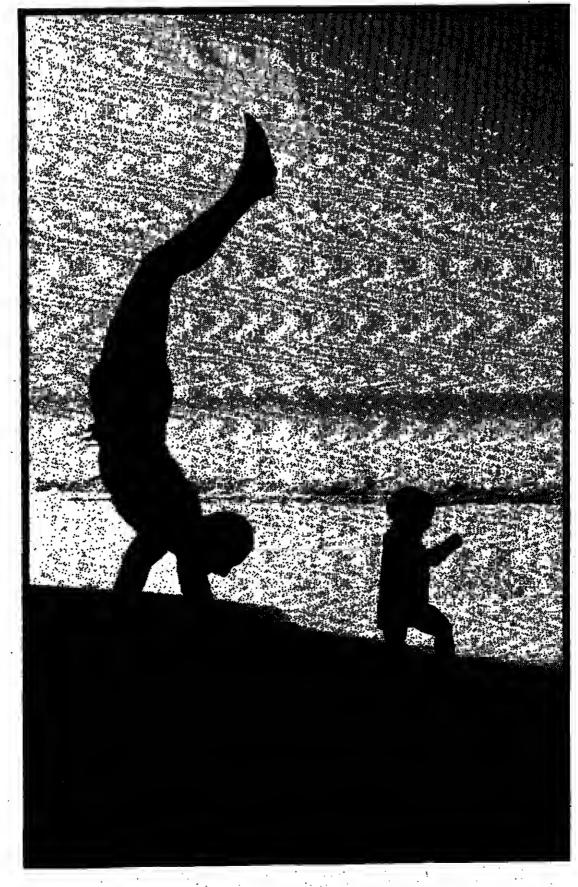
the insignia of the CBE for services to broadcasting and the film industry.

Mr Norman, 65, who was accompanied by his wife. Diana, and daughters Emma and Samantha recently left the BBC after 26 years to be-come film cride for Sky Television. He said: "The Queen asked me bow long I had been doing my job and I told her it was a very long time. wanted to ask her if she ever watched my show, but I didn't get a chance."



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Heads in clash with minister on drugs

Susie Steiner reports on reactions

to Morris's support for leniency

HEAD teachers yesterday criticised the Government's call for leniency over pupils caught with drugs as Estelle Morris. the Schools Minister, defended her advice not to adopt a

"zero tolerance" approach.

Ms Morris, who on Monday told the Girls Schools Association that possession of drugs should not automatically lead to exclusion, caused disquiet among some heads who felt that she had created a conflicting message for pupils.
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boys' school in Birmingham, one of the country's top grantmaintained grammars, has had two or three drug-related incidents with expulsions in the past ten years. Mervyn Brooker, the headteacher, said; "At this school there is a very hard line. My governors expect a hard line and the students accept that.

"I am concerned about what Estelle Morris is saying. Heads need discretion on particular circumstances, but I certainly wouldn't want the Government to tie my hands and say, 'You can't exclude.' We take the view that, by and large, students know what they are doing and have to accept the consequences."

Harrow School operates a zero-tolerance policy and several drug incidents in the past three years have resulted in expulsion. Nicholas Bornford, the Head Master, said: "Our standard policy is that, if any boy is found to be in possession of unauthorised drugs or to have used them during term time, he must expect to be required to leave." Ms Morris



Morris: remarks caused

was criticised by David Wil-letts, the Shadow Education Secretary, for "undercutting the position" of head teachers.

Downing Street defended Ms Morris's remarks. The Prime Minister's spokesman said: "She was saying that the Government has a very tough approach to drugs, not just in schools but at all levels of society, but was making the obvi-ous point that head teachers have to be allowed some flexibility and that she would support them over the decisions

they have to take." Although few schools practise zero tolerance, they are uni-versally strict on drug-dealing. Heads fiercely maintain the right to set their own antidrugs policies. St Bede's Col-lege, a Roman Catholic independent in Manchester, has had two fifth-form boys expelled and 18 suspended for drugs in three years. John Byrne, the Headmaster, said: "The boys were expelled because they brought drugs into the school and sold them.

"At the same time, we gave a 24-hour amnesty for people who had been tempted to purchase or try out cannabis and those people were suspended but not expelled. I reserve the right to expel pupils for drugs, but I wouldn't wish to tie myself down to do it every time."

Gordonstoun School said that not every drugs incident resulted in expulsion. "There have been temporary suspen-sions," said Richard Oliver, its development director.

"We would regard each offence individually. Anyone dealing in hard drugs would almost certainly be asked to

Ramsgate School, in Kent, which is fighting its way up from the bottom of the GCSE league tables, has had one drugs incident in the past three years but did not expel. Brian Lippitt, the Headmaster, said: "We operate a policy which is sympathetic to what Estelle Morris is doing. If we were to find a child with a small amount of cannabis and there is no evidence that the child has been selling or encouraging other youngsters to use, then the child would be handed to the youth services for help and advice. He may well have a short-term exclu-





Searching for the right chemistry: the posters, from left, of Kerry Lomas, an airline pilot. Jo da Silva, a civil engineer; and Farzana Patel, a forensic scientist

Poster women complain of science fiction

WOMEN scientists were asked to dress up in crop-tops, tight dresses and trainers to pose for a government cam-paign to make science appeal to teen-

age girls (Victoria Fletcher writes).

The six women, who were chosen as role models because they had managed to succeed in their male-dominated fields, were asked to put on skimpy clothes they did not normally wear. The posters, emblazoned with such

streetwise slogans as "Making H2O flow ... I'm into it!" and "Party on!" are part of a campaign launched yesterday by Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, to make the "balding boffin" image of a science career more trendy.

On seeing the poster of herself yester-day, Farzana Patel. 26, an assistant forensic scientist, said she had been made to look half her age. She was asked by a

stylist to put on a tight, camouflage-print top with combat trousers and trainers, a look she would never normally choose. "I usually wear casual clothes blouses and T-shirts - to work."

However, she said that if the image would make girls stop and read the posters, she did not mind that they were not a true representation of her-self or her career. We have to try and look human, not like people on white

lab coats who have no social lives." Other women featured in the posters include an airline pilot in a tight pink dress and an eletrical engineer with a tracksuit, booded top and Sporty Spice hairstyle.

At present, girls outperform boys at scieoce GCSE, but only a small proportion continue science in the sixth form. Last year, only 21 per cent of A-level physics pupils were female.

Police take a more feminine blue line

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By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

NEW police officers are in-creasingly likely to be female, have a degree and join after trying other jobs. MPs were told yesterday. The average age of new officers is 26.

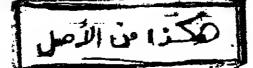
MPs on the Home Affairs Se-

lect Committee, which is studying police training and recruitment, were told that women accounted for 27 per cent of the each year by the 43 forces in England and Wales. But many still fail to complete their careers, often leaving to start families.

Only 16 per cent of the total police manpower of 127,000 officers are women. Five years ago the figure was 13 per cent. Forces are making more use of job sharing, part-time working and career breaks. But the Association of Chief Police Of-ficers forecast that it would take some years for the increase in women recruits to show in the staffing profile. The MPs were also told that between 20 and 30 per cent of

new recuits were graduates.





Thousands of eggs discovered in Patagonian mud, writes Nigel Hawkes

SCIENTISTS have for the first time discovered perfectly pre-served baby dinosaur skin, fossilised in eggs at an ancient

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By Stewart Teading

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At the site in Patagonia, evidently used by large herds of dinosaurs 70 to 90 million years ago, thousands of eggs litter the ground so densely that it is almost impossible to walk across the site without crushing some of them.

A team led by Luis Chappe, of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, found that dozens of the eggs still had unhatched dinosaurs inside them.

When opened, they revealed the bones of tiny embryos just a few inches long and, even more remarkably, perfectly preserved traces of skin. This is the first time the skin of baby dinosaurs has ever been

The skin is scaly, like that of a modern lizard, and in one embryo a line of larger scales can be seen running across the creature's back, forming a



An impression of a titanosaur laying a clutch of eggs

cil-shaped teeth, a shape

found in only one known dino-

saur from this period, Titano-

saurus australis. The remains

of titanosaurs are common at

the site in the "badlands" of

Patagonia, so it seems very

likely that the eggs came from

skin would eventually have de-

The clear patterns on the

stripe that ran down the back-

The species of dinosaur is difficult to identify from the embryos, but they appear to have been plant-eating creatures belonging to the group known as sauropods. These were the largest of the dino-

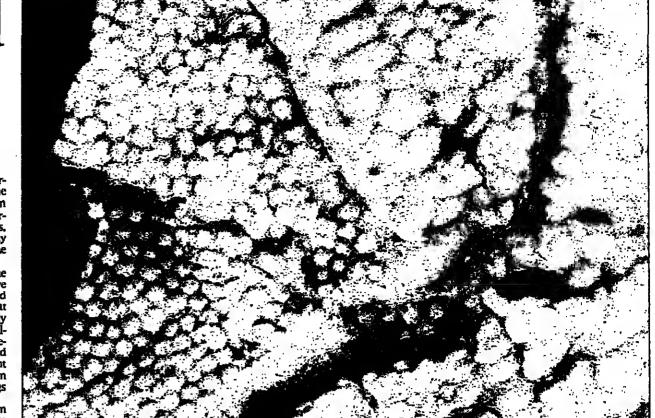
One embryo has 32 tiny pen-

veloped into the bony, armoured plates carried by the adults. This growth pattern mirrors that of modern armoured lizards and crocodiles. whose young lack the bony patches found in adults, the team reports in Nature.

If they had hatched, the baby dinosaurs would have been about 15in long, and would have grown at great speed to an adult size of nearly 45ft. The eggs are so beautiful ly preserved, the team be-lieves, because they were laid in the flood plain of ancient streams that overflowed from time to time, burying the eggs in a layer of mud

This protected them from scavengers and from damage from the elements. Over the years, adult dinosaurs kent coming back to the same nesting site to lay their eggs, explaining why there are so

many eggs at the site. It is likely that hundreds or maybe even thousands of the huge creatures gathered here to lay their eggs, in a valley



The fossilised skin of a baby dinosaur recovered from the site in Patagonia, where thousands of eggs were found

in Nequen, who was also in-

volved in the latest find. The

streams. During that period. at the end of the Cretaceous, the giant sauropods were less common than they had been in the Jurassic, but many must

have lived in this region. The area where the eggs

nesting site where the find was made has been named Auca were found, near Nequen, has proved to be a rich source of dinosaur fossils in the past dec-ade, many of them found by Mahuevo, after the Spanish word for egg, huevo. Rodolfo Coria, a palaeontolo-gist of the Municipal Museum Lowell Dingus, a member of

the team from the American Museum of Natural History, told of his astonishment when the team stumbled across the nesting site. We knew from geological maps that rocks of the right age were exposed in this area, but no one had ever looked for dinosaur fossils there before. We were hoping for the best, but when we saw what we had found I was shocked. It's just not the sort of

lot of time prospecting, just like people prospect for gold, but at least 99 times out of 100

you don't find anything. To wander into an area littered with dinosaur eggs. a number of which turn out to have embryos in them and skin casts, is the kind of thing you dream about. It very, very

rarely happens.
The patches of skin we found were as large as a square inch. They're scaly, like the skin of a lizard - you can feel the scales. What is so amazing is that it gives you an idea of what it would have been like to touch one of these

Rusty pipe linked to nuclear leaks

By GILLIAN HARRIS, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A RUSTING pipe used for discharging liquids from the Dounreay nuclear plant is believed to be the source of almost 90 radioactive "hotspots" discovered on the seabed.

Small particles of radioactive metal were detected by divers using monitoring equipment during a nineweek underwater investigation in the Pentland Firth close to the Caithness site.

When 35 similar particles vere found last year, the Scottish Secretary, Donald De-war, imposed an exclusion zone which banned commercial fishing within a 1.2 mile radius of the nuclear plant.

John Simson, Dounreay's environmental protection manager, said the particles. no bigger than grains of sand. were recovered from the sea-bed and were being analysed at the plant's laboratory.

More than 180 "hotspots" have been found on the shore at Dounreay in the last 15

years. They have forced the closure of a popular beach at Sandside Bay. Yesterday Lorraine Mann, of Scotland Against Nuclear

Dumping, said: "This new finding confirms the need for the fishing ban to remain in place around the plant. In the light of this disturbing new evldence, consideration should

be given to extending it." Roy Nelson, the plant's director, said that the radioactive particles were believed to have leaked from the pipe which discharged materials 600 yards offshore in the 1960s and 1970s. The pipe's dif-fuser was replaced in the early 1990s but the pipeline was bad-ly damaged when it became tangled in the nets of a trawler

several years ago.

The on-going examination of the seabed is part of a cleanup operation being carried out by Dounreay's operators, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.



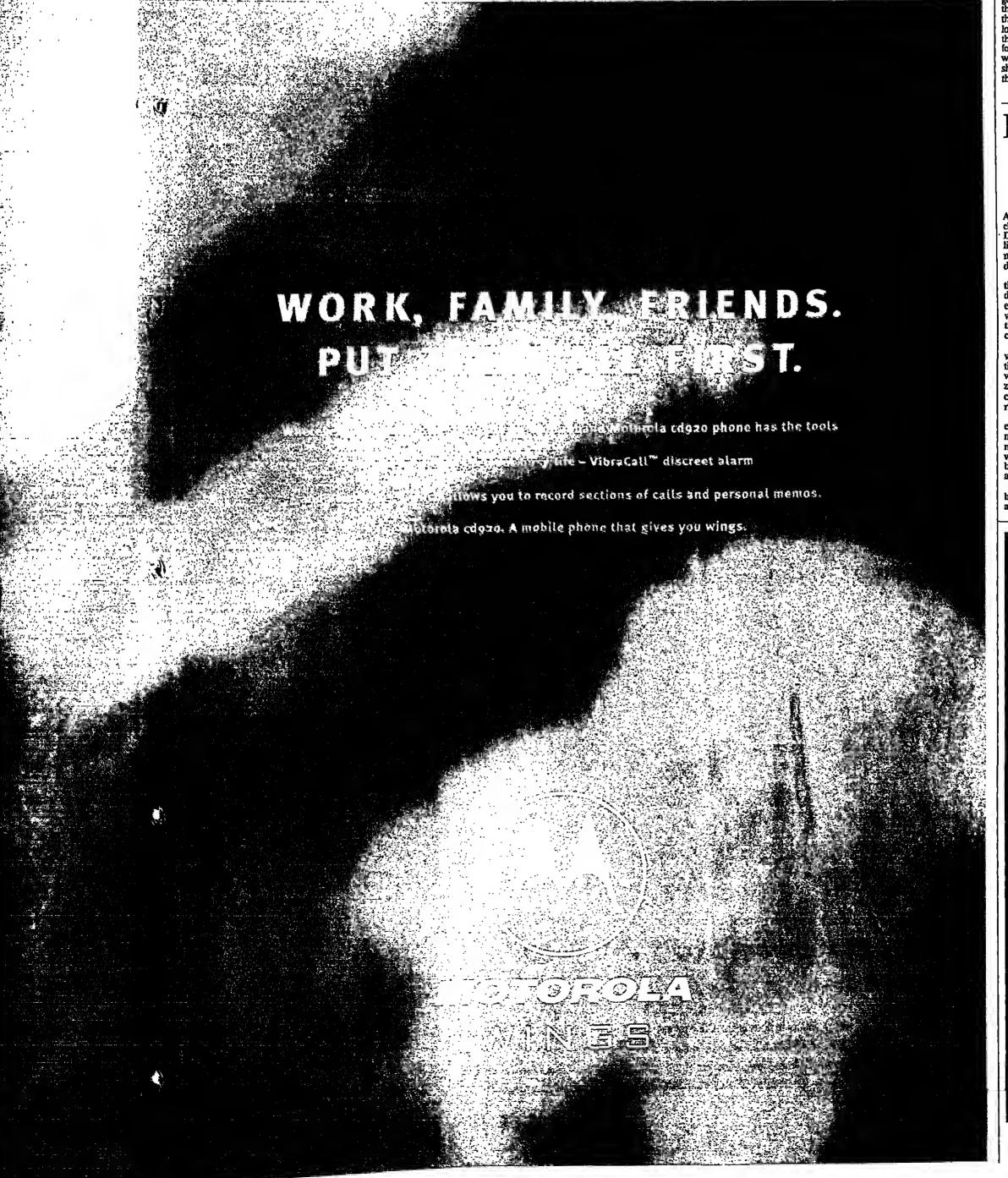
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By Valerie Elliott whitehall editor

ROBIN COOK ordered Foreign Office staff to give a formal warning to the arms-to-Africa mercenary chief, Colonel Tim Spicer, not to be involved in any contract to send illegal arms to Kosovo.

His intervention over the

His intervention over the firm which claimed the Government had connived in supplying arms to Sierra Leone in breach of a UN arms embargo emerged when the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee questioned Sir John Kerr, permanent secretary at the Foreign Office, yesterday. Sir John said that three recent contacts with Col Spicer were "specifically with ministerial authority" and that minutes were taken and witnesses present.

The FO confirmed that Mr Cook instructed a director to meet Colonel Spicer, director of Sandline International, to ensure that he understood the exact scope of the arms embargo to the former Yugo-



slavia. It was made clear in Whitehall last night that Mr Cook's fears were heightened by intelligence and diplomatic reports that the company might be involved in discussions involving a possible

breach of the embargo. Sandline supplied arms to the deposed President Kabbah to restore his Government in Sierra Leone. Colonel Spicer has always maintained the action was done with approval of

the British Government. In
July Colonel Spicer was summoned to the Foreign Office
to be warned that he should
have no business dealings
with a certain overseas busifinessman.

Ulster refuses to pay PR firm for US tour 'failure'

By MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government has suspended payment to a leading public relations agency, claiming it failed adequately to promote a £1 million, three-week tour of America featuring the beroes of the Good Friday peace accord last month.

Shandwick's Washington office won a contract worth roughly £300,000 to promote the "Investment Roadshow" with David Trimble, Seamus Mallon and Mo Mowlarn in a country that has 40 million citizens of Irish descent and treats Northern Ireland almost like a domestic story.

It should have been a plum assignment, but instead of making the headlines few television stations and newspapers gave the coast-to-coast tour much publicity.

While Gerry Adams goes from one chat show to another on US tours, no such arrangements were made for the mainstream nationalist and Unionist leaders. Sources said that Northern Ireland's Industrial Development Board was singularly unimpressed by Shandwick's operation, and that the Central Office of Informaoon is now preparing to inves-

Mr Trimble, the First Minister who was awarded the Nobel peace prize during the trip, and Mr Mallon, Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister, were equally disenchanted. "It was a nightmare from a PR point of view," one official in the party said.

"It was less than satisfactory ... I was aghast," another

The roadshow involved up to two dozen poliocians and officials touring II cities in a chartered plane. It was designed to attract US investment to Northern Ireland. At its New York launch, Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, hailed it as the "biggest ever initiaove

to promote Northern Ireland
as an investment location".

The problem was not bad coverage, but the lack of coverage, Officials said the PR agency focused on a few elite business journalists and selected editorial boards to the almost total exclusion of the general media. Mr Trimble and Mr Mallon were in great demand, but practically no television appearances or radio interviews were arranged for them. Journalists were barred from their presentations to businessmen. There was little or no advance

"I don't think they realised the internacional impact of the story they had on their hands or why these guys were there."

one source said.

Both the IDB and the COI declined to comment yesterday. Shandwick said the company's policy was "not to discuss the work we do for our clients with the media".

NEC lifts ban on media contacts

By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

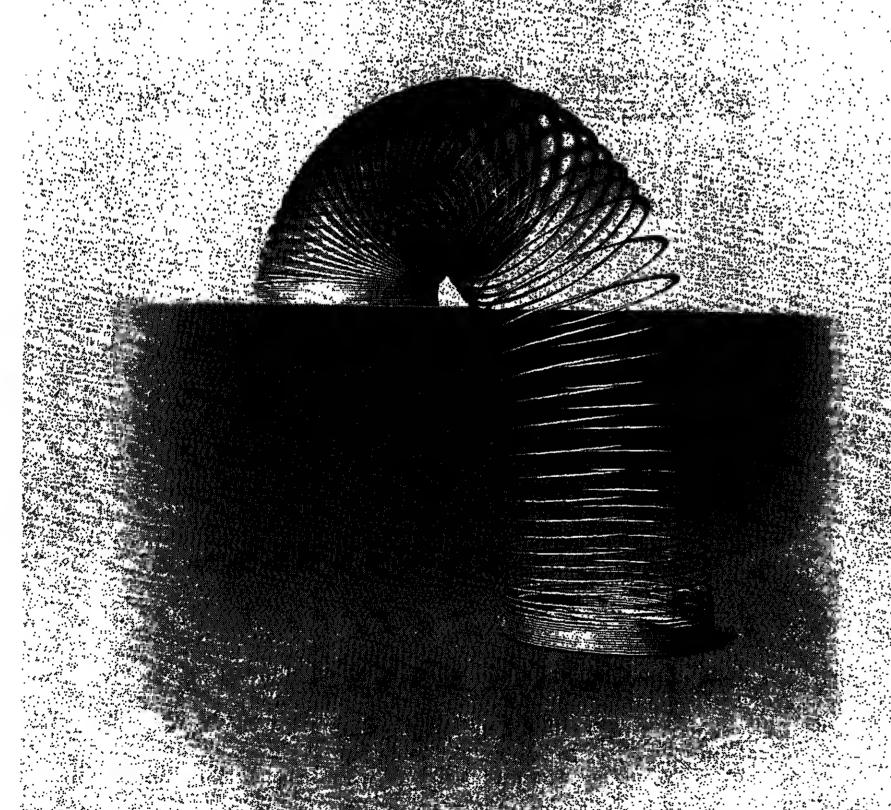
LABOUR'S national executive last night watered down a controversial code of conduct on how members should deal with the media. Last week Margaret McDonagh, the party's general secretary, circulated a code which insisted that NEC members should not speak out on a range of issues, and should clear any statements with the press office.

The code, which has now been renamed "guidance", said that, to avoid exposing internal divisions, members should not take part in head-to-head debates with other party members.

But several NEC members accused the leadership of "control freakery". Yesterday Liz Davies, one of the four new left-wing members, voted against the guidance.

A party spokesman said that the changes made clear that the paper was not intended to silence debate and it would not be a disciplinary offence if members spoke out.

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Hague must decide if he is a family man

THE Tories are keep to show they have a social as well as an economic agenda. But they seem intellectually torn. They want the Government to support and encourage the famiiy, but oppose the nanny state.

William Hague's Wilbersought to reconcile these positions. His attempt to link Conservative principles with the Christian moral tradition is a necessary exercise in bridgebuilding with the Church after the tensions of the past two decades.

decades. But as Mr Hague rightly argued, no party or politician has "a copyright on Scripture". It is pointless to com-

pete to be holier than thou. More significantly. Mr Hague tried to establish a moral case for limited government (and the limits of politics), for the market ecocomy and capitalism, for low taxes and for the family as a crucial factor in a healthy society. He noted that "when the state takes over responsibility for decisions about healthcare, schooling, pensions and other welfare provision, a price is paid in a diminished sense of civic obligation and personal responsibility".

That begs the question of how to sustain family and marriage. Both Mr Hague and the Government, in its Green Paper, are at pains to avoid appearing moralistic. They are for marriage and believe it is best for children, but do not want to appear to be against single parents.

The Government wants to help families by a mixture of sensible advice (for instance, on the role of grandparents) and intervention by extending the work of health visitors. The pro-family lobby has concentrated on changing taxes and benefits to support mar-

riage. Mr Hague revived the Tory manifesto proposal for a tax allowance for married couples where one is working and the other is caring for children or an elderly relative.

Much of the Republican soul-searching since the midterm elections has been about how the party should belp the family and how far it should jettison its social conservative message. Should

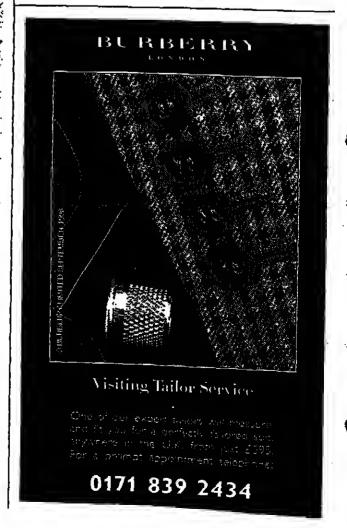
it present its case in the softer and more appealing terms of "hig tent"/Inclusive conservatism like the Bush brothers' successful governorship campalgns? David Frum, the conservative commentator, ar-

conservative commentator, argued in The New York Times that there is a moral choice: between liberals who believe that smoking and waste are public matters while sexual conduct is an individual's own business, and conservatives who worry that liberal solutions to family break-up will expand the role of the state and who believe the decline of the family should be reversed. That implies taking a moral stand on what others regard as private conduct.

Most Tories share Mr Frum's worries about "liberal" solutions for instance, whether Welfare to Work measures to encourage lone parents to return to work conflict with allowing mothers to look after young children. But Tory leaders have been wary of taking a moral stand about private behaviour. A majority of the public takes a liberal view on, say, homosexuals and lone parents. Taking a moral stand may mean ex-

tending the role of the state.

Mr Hague has opened up an important debate for the Tories. But changing tax allowances does not amount to a family policy.



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media Human zoo' owner on trial in Thailand

posing a "human zoo" camp in Thailand where 21 children from a long-necked Burmese hill tribe were kept on show for tourists forced a Thai government inquiry that led to its closure, a northern Thailand court was told yesterday.

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The report, published last November, was forwarded by thee Thai Embassy in London and led to an inquiry by Lada-wan Wongsriwong, the Minis-ter in the Office of the Prime Minister, Chuan Leekpai.

After receiving evidence gathered by Andrew Drummond, a correspondent for The Times, and Sudarat Sereewat, Secretary-General of the Coalition to Fight Against Child Exploitation, Ms Ladawan went to see the camp's conditions for herself. After her visit the Interior Minister ordered its closure.

In court in Fang, near the Burmese border, were Thana Nakluang, the camp owner, and Rakkiat Sri Siriwilai, the manager of the "human zoo" in Ban San Thon Du, near Thaton. Both deny depriving people of their liberty and that the detention caused death. They face sentences of three to 20 years in prison.

Ms Sudarat told the court how she travelled with Mr Drummond and officials to Baan San Thon Du after they had heard pleas for help - recorded on tape and smuggled out through tourists - from Padaung families inside. With them was an aide to the Karenni Refugee Committee, Zaw Thet, himself a Padaung. "When they saw us they rushed to the gates," said Ms

From interviews they established that one woman had died while in the camp. "I spoke to the woman's husband, who simply said she had died of a broken heart,"

Report in Times

prompted a

government

inquiry, writes Andrew Chant

said Ms Sudarat. The Padaung, who thought they were being led to see relatives, had been taken in lorries by Mr Rakkiat to Fang, where they were told to sing, dance, weave, and sell dolls and clothing to tourists. She said that the group -- 21 children and 12 "were clearly detained. One women told us she was beaten by Rakkiat when she tried to walk outside the confines of the camp."

Both Ms Sudarat and Mr Drummond returned later with permission to interview

tion. Those interviews, said Ms Sudarat, were clear statements that the Padaung had been tricked out of Burma against their will, and were detained against their will.

Ms Sudarai asked Colonel Sittiporn, the local deputy police chief, why the Padaung could not be released into the custody of immigration officers. "He replied that he needed time to make a report," she

Later she saw the local police report and "discovered they had tried to cover up the offences in their district by distorting the evidence. When I asked the district administrator why the Padaung could not be freed, he said he did not want to have a conflict with Thana Nakluang."

Mr Thana publishes a weekly newspaper and owns a karaoke bar in a Chiang Mai hotel. The case continues.



Paduang women from a remote Burmese hill tribe at Nasoi refugee camp in Thailand. Relatives taken captive were used as a tourist attraction



Tribeswomen became

Cyber-dissident faces secret Shanghai trial

AS THE Chinese Communist Party struggles to maintain its plying "foreign hostile publications" with 30,000 Chinese monopoly of power and sources of information, a computer executive is to be tried in secret next week for "inciting subversion of state power, the Information Centre of Human Rights and Pro-Democracy Movement reported yesterday (James Pringle writes). The alleged cyber-dissident,

Lin Hai, 30, is accused of sup-

e-mail addresses so that they could receive reports on politically sensitive topics and criticism of China's Government.

The Shanghai trial is be-lieved to be the first high-profile prosecution for alleged Internet subversion. The human rights group released a letter from Mr Lin's wife, Xu Hong. calling for an open trial.

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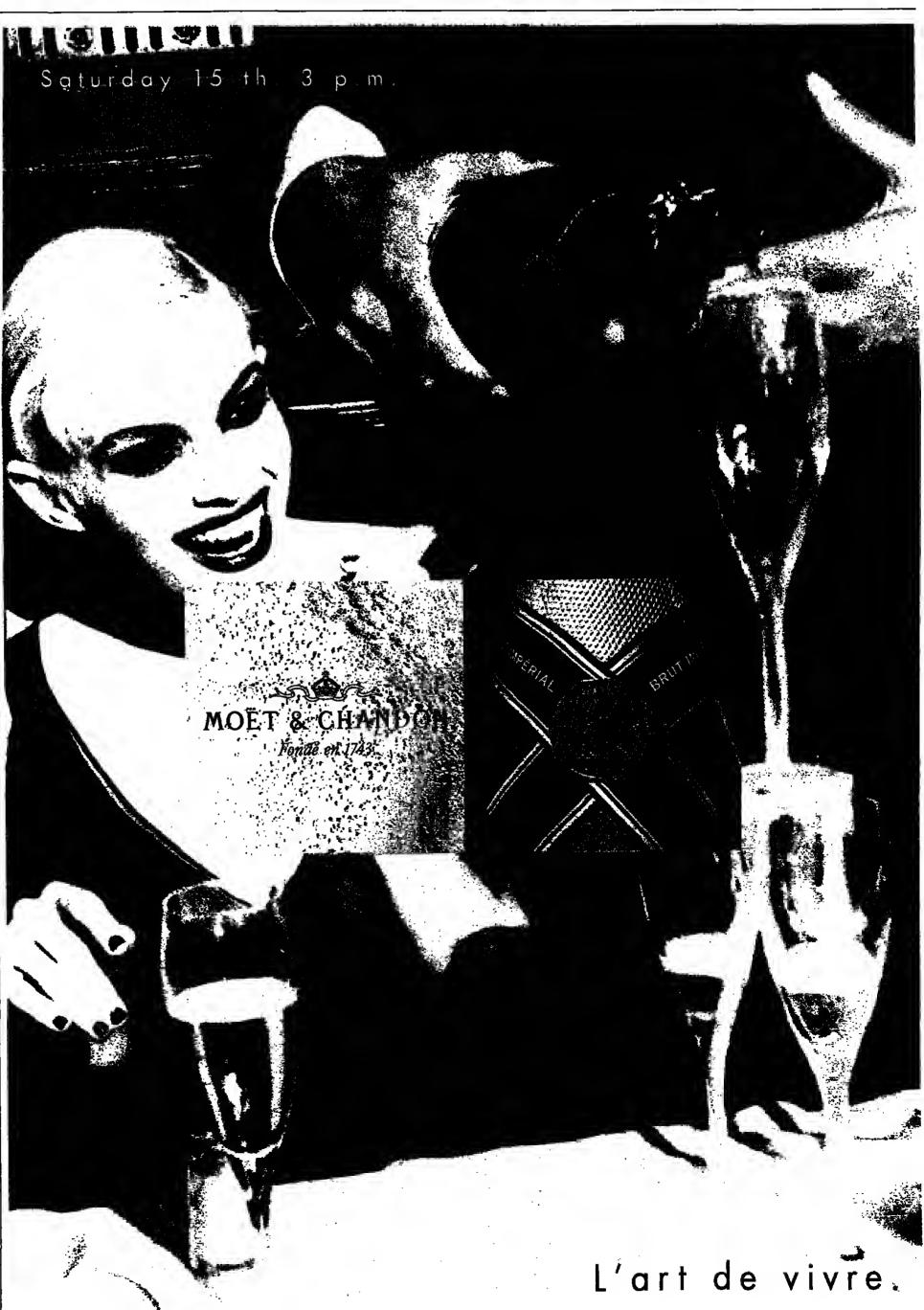
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US 'encouraging' Malaysian unrest

States for inciting political dissi-dence, the Malaysian Government said yesterday that Washington would shoulder the blame for any further street protests.

Responding to a summit dinner speech by Vice-President Al Gore at the Asia-Pacific Ecocomic Co-operation (Apec) forum, a Foreign Ministry statement attacked his "most unwarranted intrusion" and "incitement . . . to lawlessness." Thus the Malaysian Government brought an already unsuccessful economic summit to a new low. It has already been marred by a lack of agreement on a free trade package and its impor-tance has been reduced by the absence of President Clinton because of the standoff with Iraq.

In a dinner speech on Monday night. Mr Gore shocked his audience when he told them: "Among nations suffering economic crisis, we continue to hear calls for democracy in many languages.
"We hear them today — right

here, right now - among the brave people of Malaysia," he added, just days after Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, had met Wan Azizah, the wife of the detained

IN A blistering attack on the United · former Deputy Prime Minister, An-States for inciting political dissi-war Ibrahim. Dr Azizah has also been in contact with visiting delega-tions from Australia and Canada while Mr Anwar himself has launched legal action, claiming that his removal from office was unconstitutional since it was not approved by the United Malays National Organisation political party, of which he is a member.

Mr Clinton yesterday commended Mr Gore for his speech. The two men spoke by telephone, said a White House spokesman, who added that the President had intended to deliver the same speech had he travelled to the summit.

"It was certainly the speech that we were planning to give and it cer-minly reflects US policy", he said.

The Apec summit has been marked by anti-government pro-lests not merely in support of Mr An-war but also demanding the remov-

al of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, whom many Malaysians criticise not only for his dictatorial methods and corruption but also blame for damaging relations with foreign countries. Mr Anwar is still on trial on charges of corruption and sodomy but the trial has been adjourned until after

Abdullah: Badawi, the Foreign Minister, said: "Malaysia regrets as most unwarranted the provocative remarks made by US Vice-President

Al Gore and the White House.

"Malaysia finds the incitement by the US Government to lawlessness by certain elements within the country to use undernocratic means in order to overthrow constitutionally elected elements most abhorrent."

He said Malaysia "prized its peace and racial harmony" and add-ed that Kuala Lumpur would hold the US responsible for "any rupture of this harmony arising from this irresponsible incitement".

The Foreign Minister accused

Washington of serving its own narrow interests and declared that its intrusion was a "gross interference" in the internal affairs of Malaysia and also a "brazen violation of the basic tenets of relations between sover-eign states." He said: "Malaysia does not take kindly to such sanctithonious sermonising from any quarter, especially the United States, a country which is known to have committed gross violations of



Two Kurdish men who doused themselves with petrol and set themselves ablaze in Moscow yes-terday to protest against the treat-ment of Abdullah Ocalan, the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) founder held in Rome. One was critically ill (Our Foreign Staff writes). Mr Ocalan has led a

Fireball protest by Kurds

14-year struggle against Turkey for Kurdish self-rule in which about 37,000 have died. He fled to Moscow last mooth after Syria agreed to expel him from his base there. He was captured in

Rome and Turkey sought his extradition. Kurds are streaming into Rome - 10.000 marched there yesterday - and holding rallies and huoger strikes across Europe to stop the move. More

than 4,000 protested in Boon yesterday. Massimo D'Alema, the talian Prime Minister, said asylum would be granted only if he had really renoonced terrorism. 10 Yuksekova, southeastern

Turkey, four people were hurt in a suicide attack by a Kurdish woman on a police statioo.

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wife baffles police FROM MARK FULLER IN AMSTERDAM forward after conceding that DUTCH authorities were yesthey were baffled by the crime. terday still trying to determine a motive for the violent abduc-They said that Mrs Boonstra had clearly been targeted tion last week of the estranged by one or two "hitmen", but ita wife of one of the country's

Attack on executive

leading executive. Hansje Boonstra-Raatjes. the 62-year-old wife of Cor Boonstra, chairman of electronics giant Philips, was dis-covered beside a road near Rotterdam on Friday evening, barely conscious, handcuffed and suffering from hypothermia. She had been badly bearen around the head after having been abducted in her own car from her home in Belgium. Dutch police yesterday

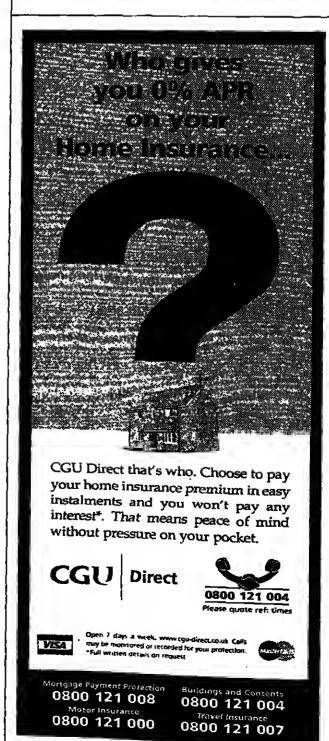
appealed for witnesses to come

was unclear whether the perpetrators were pursuing a vendetta against Mrs Boonstra or other members of her family. One theory is that disgruniled employees of Philips may have been trying to hit back at the strongarm, no-nonsense

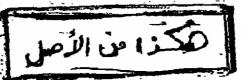
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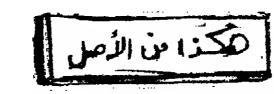
business strategy of the chairman. Mr Boonstra, 60, who re-cently left his wife for the head of a female temping group, scrapped 6,000 jobs after taking control of the company two years ago.













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US spy blamed for death of Resistance hero

JEAN MOULIN, the French Resistance hero who died after being tortured by the Gestapo in 1943, fell into the hands of the Germans because of bungled American espionage and not through the treachery of a fellow Resistance member, according to a book published in France today.

Historians have long thought that Moulin was be-trayed by René Hardy, a Resistance fighter believed to have turned traitor. But the author Jacques Baynac claims that the Gestapo intercepted the Resistance chief when he met an American agent two days before he was arrested.

Charged by de Gaulle with unifying the various anti-Nazi resistance groups within France, Moulin, a former prefect of the Eure-et-Loir region. was arrested at a meeting of Resistance leaders in the home of Dr Frédéric Dugoujon in Caluire, near Lyons, on June

Imprisoned and tortured in the Montluc fortress by Klaus Barbie, the head of the Lyons Gestapo, Moulin died on or around July 8 as he was being transferred to Germany.

After the war it was assumed that Hardy had gone to the meeting with Moulin, having arranged for the Gestapo to follow him. But in The Secrets of the Jean Moulin Affair - Unpublished Archives

of the Resistonce, M Baynac claims that the Gestapo got on to Moulin's trail two days earlier when he met Frédéric Brown, an American agent of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the US secret service.

Brown, who was parachuted into France to provide help to the Resistance, met Moulin in Avignon on June 19. But according to M Baynac, the Germans had been informed of the meeting in advance by Lili Méré, an OSS agent who was then under arrest at the Gestapo offices in Marseilles. The Germans knew the

day, the place and the approxi-

Moulin: died after being

tortured by the Gestapo

superior, Arthur Rosebor-ough, the OSS head in Algiers, who had entrusted him with the mission, was dismissed. Hardy was assumed to be the traitor and was tried twice after the war. He was acquitted on both occasions, but was widely assumed to be guilty. "For the sake of the Cold War and for 50 years, the truth

has been hidden and Hardy has been blamed, while the Nazi thug Barbie was protected by the US, which was unwilling to see its role in the arrest of Jean Moulin revealed," M Baynac writes. The most famous French Re-

mate time of the Brown-Mou-

lin meeting," writes M Bay-nac. "They only had to main-

tain discreet surveillance at

the meeting point to pick up

Moulin in Avignon and follow him to Lyons. Two days later, following on Moulin's heels,

Barbie and his men burst into

Dr Dugoujon's house, five

The author, who has consult-

ed hitherto secret archives in France, Britain, the US, Hun-gary and Switzerland, reveals

that Brown was removed from

his post after the arrest of Mou-

lin and investigated on suspi-

cion of counter-espionage. His

minutes after he entered.

sistance fighter was therefore "a victim less of treachery than of circumstances", and an American spying mission that was uncovered by the Nazis.



A stuffed pigeon takes centre stage at police headquarters in Frankfurt yesterday. Live pigeons were allegedly being used by a man, accused of blackmailing Nestlé, to carry diamonds to him in pouches around their necks

Pigeons home in on blackmail suspect

Frankfurt: A man who allegedly black-mailed Nestlé, the Swiss food company, by poisoning its products, was arrested after detectives in a helicopter trailed his homing pigeons, German police said.

The blackmailer had planned for the pigeons to return to their loft with a pay-off in diamonds after he placed cyanide in Nestlé products and put the poisoned goods back on store shelves, police said. Alexandru Nehmet, 43, was arrested near Frankfurt after allegedly blackmailing Nestlé and German subsidiaries over the past two years. Mr Nehmet has claimed he is innocent, but police said they were looking for accomplices.

Police said Nehmet had asked for DM25 million (£9 million) of uncut diamonds from Thomy, a Nestle subsidiary, after inserting cyanide into 20 mustard and mayonnaise tubes and replacing them on supermarket shelves.

The diamonds were to be placed in pouches hung from the necks of a dozen pigeons that had been left in a car in the town of Breidenbach. The birds were released, but police followed them in helicopters. One of the pigeons led them to a house in the town of Kronberg and Mr Nehmet was later traced and arrested.

Mother hires hitmen to kill her son

FROM ANNA BLUNDY IN MOSCOW

ON THE evening of November 11, Konstantin Rebrov, 22. became the victim of yet another Moscow contract killing. That in itself would have merited little space in the more salacious newspapers, but Re-brov's story contains an element so grim that even the most crime-weary Muscovite has been struck by it. The murder was ordered by Lyubov

Akulshin, Rebrov's mother.
Investigating the crime,
police found the name Atush Gubasarian came up over and over again. A jobless but wealthy 23-year-old who spent lavishly at his local billiards club, he was a member of an organised crime group known to book contract killers. On arrest, he told police a story they found hard to believe.

Mrs Akulshin, a single mother, claimed to have done her best with her son, Kostya, difficult and always in trouble with police and the bane of his mother's, teachers' and classmatter's, lives, Segodnya reported yesterday. Both boarding school and the Army failed to knock him into shape and when he finished military services he was in no hurry to find a ice he was in no hurry to find a job. He persuaded his mother to swap her three-room flat for two - one single, one with two rooms — in the town centre. He then drove her out of the larger one, taking it for him-self, and set about selling the

smaller one, Meanwhile, Mrs Akulshin lived with friends. At the end of her tether, she invited over a niece, Yevgenia Stepanov, for a serious chat. Ms Stepanov arrived with her good friend Atush Gubasarian. He want-ed \$8,000 (£4,800) for Konstantin's murder - and his mother agreed the price.

Mr Gubasarian hired someone called Andrel Panin and a friend known as Sasha, and the murder was carried out last week. As Mikhail Bulgakov wrote in The Master and Margarita, and as Russians are fond of saying: 'They are not bad people, it is just that the question of apartments has ruined them."

Models tell of being lured to prostitution for rich and famous

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

FOUR aspiring young models told a packed Paris court yesterday that they had been raped and sexually assaulted by Jean-Pierre Bourgeois, a soft-porn photographer and one of the alleged organisers of a high-class prostitution ring which procured girls as young as 15 for film stars, politicians, international businessmen and Arab princes.

is suspected of luring naive young girls into the vice ring by promising them modelling contracts in the Ba-hamas and the South of France. The four young women are among a dozen who have joined the case as civil

On the second day of the trial yesterday, they described how M Bourgeois allegedly took obscene photographs and sexually assaulted them before introducing them to wealthy nessmen and Arab princes.

M Bourgeois, 51, who has been charged with aggravated pimping,

modelling session and took sexually suggestive pictures. She said that she was then taken

to the luxurious Hotel Meurice where she was introduced to several men, including a famous American actor. Mile Makawy described M Bourgeois as "very perverted" and said the photographer placed her in a situation where she constantly felt guilty and afraid.

French authorities are said to be concerned about the possibility of the vice ring's client list, which alleg-

1996, he invited her to his home for a edly includes several valuable Middle Eastern customers of the French arms industry and two senior French politicians, being revealed during the trial.

Julia Trapp, a Swede, was 16 when she was introduced to M Bourgeois in the summer of 1996 by a friend of the family, Janiena Torres-dotter, 50, who has since been charged with complicity in pimping, along with Thomas Axell, 49.

Speaking in Swedish through an interpreter, Ms Trapp described how the French photographer lured

her to a boat moored off St Tropez with the promise of lucrative modelling contracts. There he introduced her to a millionaire and three Arab dignitaries. The next day, she was put on a plane back to Sweden by M Bourgeois's Lebanese-born business

partner, Nazih al-Ladki, who is also on trial for pimping.

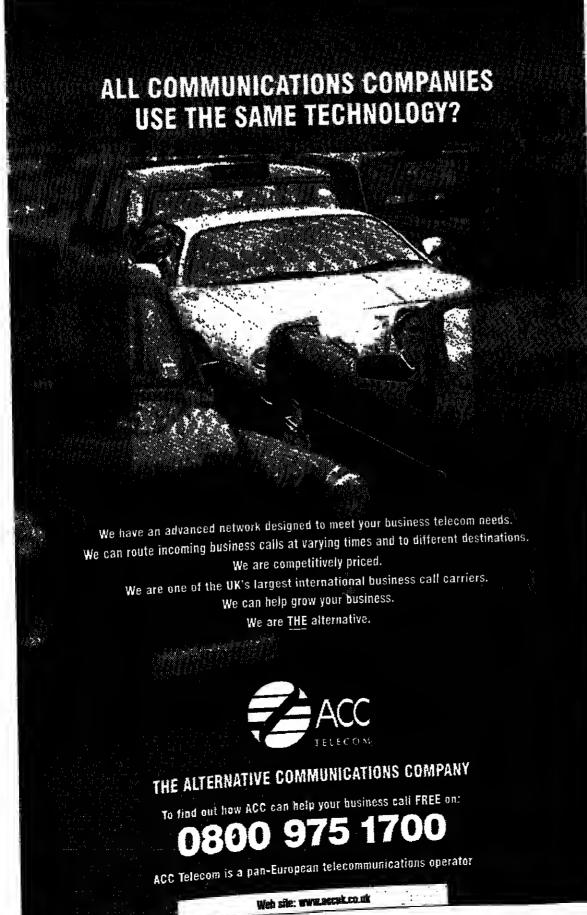
Ms Trapp, who says she has been traumatised since the incident, said: I cannot understand how people from such a high social level could do such things to children." M Bourgeois denies that he acted

as a pimp. He admits introducing the girls to friends but said he did not do so for purposes of prostitution and that he made no money from the introductions.
His alleged accomplice, the Swed-

ish former model Anika Brumarck, 50, will not be tried until May as her lawyer has been injured in a car crash. A sixth person accused of involvement, the businessman Jean-Claude Tunon, 71, has a serious heart condition and cannot attend the trial, which is expected to continue until a week today.









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Tapes voice anguish of Monica

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

EVERYONE knows her face: now Monica Lewinsky has finally been given a voice. At times whining, at others excitedly babbling and often almost unintelligible for distressed sobbing, the young woman whose affair with President Clinton sparked an im-peachment inquiry was heard public-

ly for the first time yesterday.

The release of the notorious "Monica tapes" - secret recordings made by Linda Tripp of her conversations with the former White House trainee - vividly highlighted the emotional turmoil Ms Lewinsky was suffering. The soundtrack of her anguish is like-

ly to add to the pressure on Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor, who is due to be grilled tomorrow about the way he conducted his inquiry into her affair with the President.

The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, which is holding the impeachment inquiry into Mr Clinton's behaviour, made public 37 tapes containing 22 hours of conversations covertly recorded by Mrs Tripp. They added nothing to the evidence given to the inquiry, as the full tran-scripts of the conversations about the affair and Ms Lewinsky's subsequent unhappiness, have already been released and pored over at length. But they show a deep misery that is not apparent from simply reading what

she said. From the reams of printed transcripts, many of the conversa-tions appeared to be simply rambling telephone conversations between the two women about Ms Lewinsky's disgruntlement at the end of the affair, and Mr Climon's failure to call her or help her to find a job. But on the tapes there are long sections where she is al-

most unable to talk for weeping. On other occasions, when she is describing a meeting with the President, or a gift she plans to give him.

Ms Lewinsky sounds like the precocious teenagers familiar from televi-sion shows set in Beverly Hills where she grew up. When she talks of falling in love with the President — "I never expected to feel that way about him" - she has the fluency of a girl who spent much of her youth on psychiatrists' couches

Equally compelling is Mrs Tripp's roice. She remains calm and collected as she nasally intones lists of the ways in which Mr Clinton has hurt Ms Lewinsky.
The release of the tapes had been

delayed while technicians painstakingly edited out sections that had been cut by the judiciary committee because they contained foul language or referred to innocent parties. A new poll in USA Today yester-

day showed that almost two thirds of the American people view Mr Start's handling of the inquiry negatively. The White House has been offered half an hour to cross examine him and is understood to be considering whether to get involved in a scrap or leave the grilling to Democrats on the

The Democrats are likely to ask Mr Starr about any contacts he had with lawyers representing Paula Jones before he asked to expand his mandate to investigate the Lewinsky affair. They want to depict him as over-zealous and politically moovated. It was reported yesterday, however, that Mr Starr may still be investgating Mr Clinton after he leaves of-fice because of the new indictments he brought against Webster Hubbell. an old friend of the Clintons, concerning an alleged property scandal.

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Sudanese rebels clash in Nairobi

Nairobi: A fight in the Kenyan capital between rival factions of southern Sudan's main rebel group has left one man dead and several wounded (David Orr writes). The home of John Garang, leader of the Sudan People's Liberadon Army, was attacked by supporters of Kerubino Bol. a fellow Sudanese with whom Colonel Garang is locked in a bitter feud. Six people of the Sudanese with whom Colonel Garang is locked in a bitter feud. Six people of the Sudanese with whom Colonel Garang is locked in a bitter feud.

ple are understood to have been arrested.

Meanwhile, the war between government forces and the rebels continues to rage in Sudan, despite a supposed cease-fire in the areas most affected by famine. Two patients were killed and II wounded when a hospital in the southern town of Yei was bombed by government aircraft at the weekend.

Spanish bus deaths

Madrid: Seven pupils and a lorry driver were killed in a colli-sion between a school bus carrying students aged from 12 to 17 and a truck in the northern Spanish region of Asturias, officials said. Fifteen other students were hurt in the accident, which happened near the coastal town of Buelna as the bus travelled towards Llanes. The seriously injured were transferred by helicopter to hospital. According to one witness, the head-on crash happened in fog. (Reuters)

Nero theory in flames

Rome: A wall painting daoing from the first century AD that was uncovered near the Colosseum is not Rome in the time of Nero, as previously thought, but the French city of Arles. Il Messaggero reported (Richard Owen writes). The fresco was unearthed in the underground ruins of Nero's Golden House. Scholars were divided over the identity of the city in the painting, but Paolo Poeschi, the Mayor of Arles, claimed archaeologists had told him they believed the city was Arks.

British hostage freed

Lagos: Eight oil workers, including an unnamed Briton, abducted last week by militant youths in southern Nigeria, were released unharmed and in good spirits, a Texaco official said.
The hostages — who included three Americans and an Italian - were seized near the Niger River delta by armed youths from the ethnic Ijaw community who were demanding a ran-som. Details of the conditions of the hostages' release were not made public. (AP)

Le Pen appeal fails

Paris: A French appeals court upheld an assault conviction against Jean-Marie Le Pen, 70, banning the National Front leader from seeking office in next year's European elections and throwing his political future into doubt (Ben Macintyre writes). The court confirmed his three-month suspended jail sentence for assaulting a female political opponent in last year's legislative elections, but cut his ban on seeking elected office from two years to one. He may appeal again.

Jackpot granny

Los Angeles: A grandmother, 67, who fed slot machines over more than 20 years, won \$27.6 million (£16.5 million) in Las Vegas. The unidentified woman realised her luck only when fellow players ran through Palace State Hotel Casino with the news. The largest slot machine jackpot yet, it was won at a machine linked to 700 others at 33 Nevada locations. The winner - six weeks ago she collected \$680,000 playing Wheel of Fortune - will not be sharing the cash with her family. (AFP)



BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

IN A COSTLY attempt to strengthen ties between Jew-ish youth and Israel, philanthropists yesterday launched a \$300 million (£184 million) programme offering free ten-day trips to Israel for every Jew in the world aged from IS to 26. Birthright Israel is the brain-

child of the opposition Labour politician Yossi Beilin, who was dismayed at the weakening contacts between Jews in the Diaspora and Israel. "We have lost the feeling of partnership," he said.

The first young Jews are due

to arrive here in 2000. Private donors, Jewish charities and the Israeli Government have agreed to raise the money to finance the first five years. The scheme is intended to

combat assimiliation by Jew-ish communities abroad, which some Jews call a new Holocaust. This will at least keep peo-

ple thinking about their roots," Mr Beilin told The Jerusalem Post. "Many of them today do not know what they are losing by cutting their contact with the Jewish people." ☐ Arafat backing: As the knesset yesterday debated the Wye peace deal, the Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat defused the latest crisis over its implementation by publicly

disavowing violence.





The transformation of Hillary Clinton continues (Damian Whitworth writes). Looking chic and composed, above, America's First Lady sits in a soft light on a White House terrace studying papers and looking almost presidential. Gone is the more familiar furrowed hrow, left, the popeyed

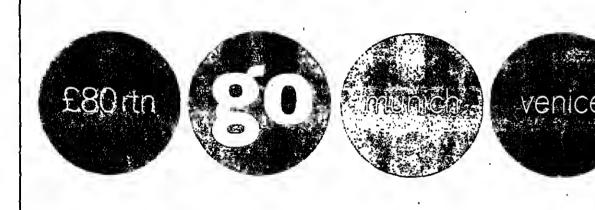
look and toothy grin. After emerging from the Monica Lewinsky scandal as almost the only person with her image enhanced, she has been given iconic status; she is the first First Lady to appear on the cover of Vogue. Mrs Clinton has won wide-

Fresh image for First Lady

spread praise and booming popularity for her dignified silence on the subject of her husband's errant ways. In the election she proved the Dem-

ocrats' most effective campaigner and there are calls for her to run for publie office herself after Mr Clinton's presidency ends. Now the American edition of the style bible has published photographs of her by the celebrity photographer Annie Leibovitz. She is depicted as a glamour queen unrecognisable as the woman with nnkempt hair and granny glasses who first appeared on the public stage. "I think she's feeling incredibly confident and good about the way she looks," said the magazine's editor, Anna Wintour. "If you look at the year she's had, how many women

could behave with such stature?" Mrs Clinton has had numerous image revamps with countless hairstyle changes but has never achieved the relaxed poise of the new photographs.



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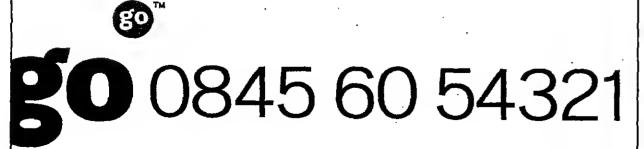
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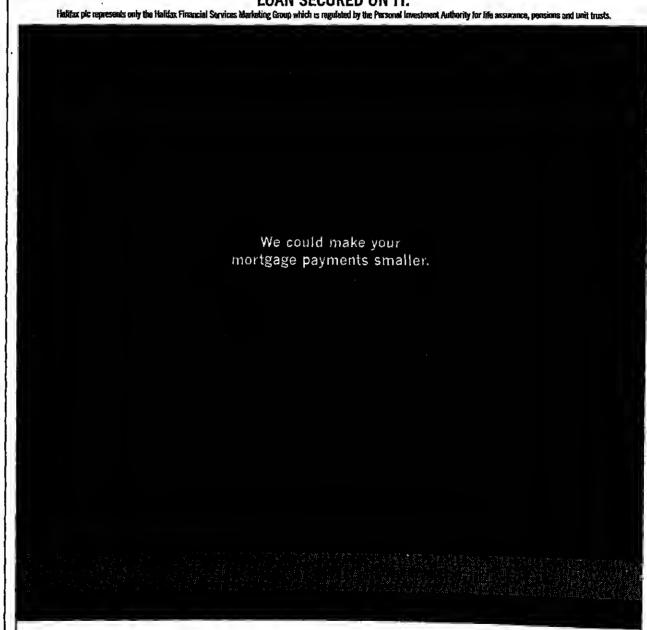
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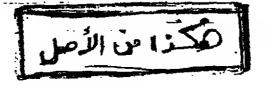
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BACKED by the threat of US and British airstrikes, United Nations weapons inspectors returned to Baghdad vesterday to begin the most sensitive round yet of their eight-year investigation into President Saddam Hussein's arsenal.

A first contingent of 86 will target the First Battalion of Saddam's Republican Guard. suspected of moving key ele-ments in weapons of mass destruction in a cat-and-mouse game with the inspectors. Specialist teams will be arriving in the coming days.

The inspectors are expected to demand access to sensitive sites, such as secret police headquarters, Saddam's "pal-aces" and the private homes of his friends where. Western intelligence agencies believe, he is hiding deadly stockpiles. The team is also to demand top-secret documents.

Speaking in New York, Richard Butler, the chief inspector, said: "The material we need exists. It is in the possession of the Government of Iraq. They can choose to give it to us or not. It's their call - and it's a

Caroline Cross, a spokes-

Team will try to thwart movement of arms, write James Bone in New York and Sam Kiley in Baghdad

woman for Unscom, the inspection agency, said in Baghdad: "We are looking forward to a professional and productive relationship with the traci authorities over the next few days. Time will tell."

According to US press re-ports, Washington has set an unofficial deadline of December 19 for compliance.

Observers in Baghdad believe Saddam knows how close he came to being bombed at the weekend, but they fear he will never surrender the secrets of his most devastating weapons. They said the swift action being expected of the inspectors could put them on a collision course with Baghdad and provoke an-

other crisis. Among the first tests of Iraq's readiness to co-operate is likely to be a demand that Baghdad turn over a logbook discovered by inspectors at an

UN sources say the logbook, mentioned by President Clin-ton at the weekend, shows that Iraq used 50 per cent fewer chemical munitions during the 1980-88 war with Iran than previously disclosed, raising questions about the size of its possible stockpile.

Mr Butler wrote to Iraq yes-terday requesting surrender of the airbase document, along with two years of missing medical records from the Abu Ghraib prision, which inspectors say could reveal evidence of biological weapons testing on inmates in 1994-95.

The inspectors were also hatching plans for no-notice in-spections at sites that may contain weapons-related documents and components. Their task was complicated, however, by the three-month hiatus in inspections and the welter of revelations about their plans that accompanied the resignation of a top inspector,

Scott Ritter, in August, Among the missions under consideration was a return visit to one of pounds to which access was restricted under February's agreement between Saddam and Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General. So far, the inspectors have refrained from revisiting the sites.

Another likely target is Abed Hamid Mahmoud, Saddam's presidential secre-tary and an elder in his Tikriti clan, who is suspected of running the "concealment mecha-nism" by which Iraq hides its remaining weapons. Mr Ritter had tried to mount inspections of Mr Abed's personal office in January and July.
UN inspectors suspect Iraq

has developed a sophisticated system of moving weapons-related material around the country in refrigerated "Tip Top Ice-Cream" lorries every 30 days. At one point, they believed, they were closing in on a stash of documents in tunnels beneath a presidential compound north of Tikrit but were called off by the US.

Simon Jenkins, page 18



A convoy carrying 86 arms inspectors leaving Habaniya air base, 40 miles west of Baghdad, yesterday after the United Nations team arrived back in Iraq to resume attempts to trace Saddam's weapons of mass destruction

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By Ian Brodie in Washington and Michael Evans

AMERICAN cruise missiles month, as expected, the extra were only 18 minutes from launch and strike aircraft 15 minutes from take-off when President Clintoo called off the bombing raids on Iraq last Saturday.

The FI4 and FI8 aircraft could have been recalled to the USS Eisenhower if Mr Clinton's cancellation order had arrived during their flight of more than an hour to Baghdad. But the Tomahawk cruise missiles could not have been turned back or blown up harmlessly once launched, a Navy spokeswoman said.

Covers had been removed from missile pods on eight cruise-carrying warships in to the fleet that the strikes had been suspended. Pilots on the Eisenhower were already climbing into their cockpits.

Mr Clinton, rejecting the recommendations of his top advisers, decided to allow President Saddam Hussein one more chance after receiving reports that Iraq would allow UN weapons inspectors to return.

This brinkmanship is expensive. If the current reinforcements stay in place for a costs will exceed \$600 millioo (£360 million). These range from "imminent danger" pay for the troops to tolls of \$4 mil-lion for an aircraft carrier and its support ships to pass through the Suez Canal.

The cost to Britain of contributing to the build-up of military forces will run into hundreds of thousands of pounds. The bill will exclude the 12 Tornado GRIs and aircrews already in Kuwait, be-cause they have been acounted for as part of the Gulf de-ployment. The RAF has been operating combat air patrol flights from the Gulf since the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

since the Gulf War have cost American taxpayers about \$7 billion in rushing reinforcements to the region. That is in addition to \$50 billion spent annually to maintain an already strong military cootingent in the Gulf.

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Kismet the emotional robot

Making robots appear more like babies in need of nurture encourages human beings to interact with them, says **Anjana Ahuja**

n the whole robots are lacking in the "cute" department. They may be able to roam distant planets and navigate burning buildings, but these automatons general-

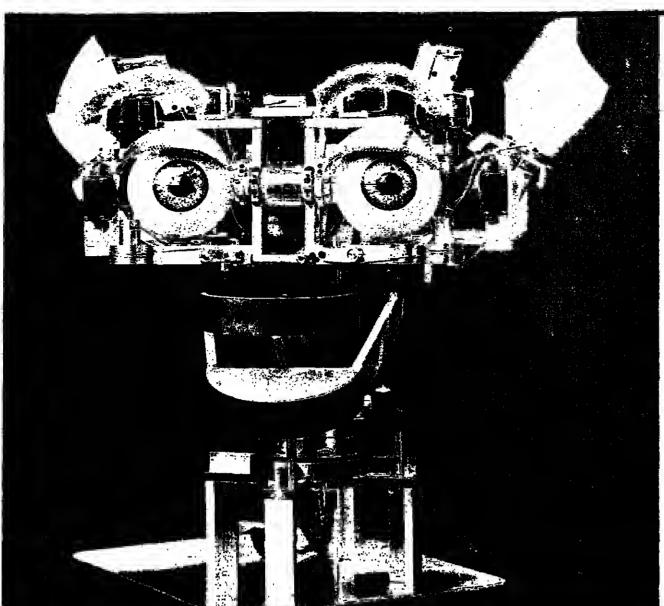
That, says Cynthia Breazeal, a researcher in the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is proving a real problem for people trying to build the most advanced robots in the world, "Everyday life is so difficult and complicated that you cannot prepare a robot for every situation it might encounter." she says. "The robot's going to have to learn. But to get it to learn, you have to put it in a benevolent environment where a human being wants to nurture it."

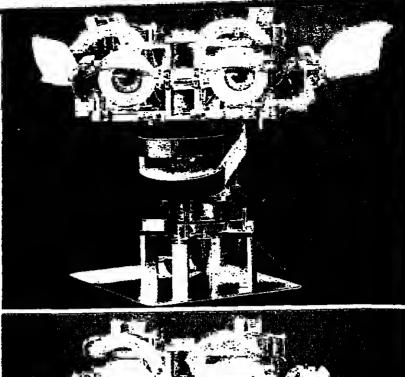
That is why Kismet was created. The robot, whose name means good fortune in Turkish, is modelled loosely on an infant during its first year of life and was created by Ms Breazeal and her MIT colleagues Brian Scassellao and Ulysses Gilchrist. "Even though babies don't have language, they communicate very well with their care-giver, certainly enough to satisfy their needs," she says.

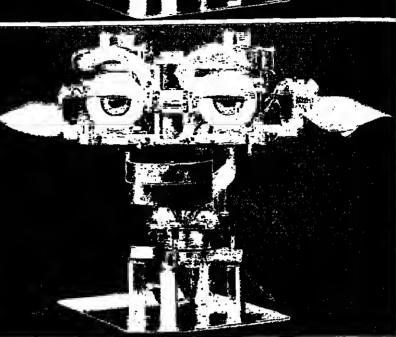
Kismet, too, has modest communicaoon abilities but, just as a baby quickly becomes the centre of attention, Kismet has managed to captivate both AI researchers and novices. In years to come it could even become the new Tamagotchi. Its eyes, eyebrows, ears and mouth change position according to mood to display ten basic expressions: happiness, sadness, in-terest, surprise, calm, anger, fear, disgust, oredness and sleep. It judges whether it is confronted with a face or a "non-face stimulus", then responds with one of these expressions. Each look has its own "drive" which must be sadsfied. Ms Breazeal, who is working towards a PhD, says: "If the robot's drives are being met, then it is in a state of wellbeing and looks interested and perky. And if a person appears in front of it and behaves in an appropriate way, it will look happy.

Kismet uses a basic shading pattern to recognise faces, with dark patches for eyes and mouths so it can tell if anyone is in front of it. If left alone, it begins to look sad. When a threshold of, say, five minutes passes, the ears start to droop, the eyelids start falling and the eyebrows rise. It's very intuiove feedback."

Waving a non-face stimulus, such as a toy, in front of it restores a look of interest.







Kismet the robot bears a passing resemblance to the creatures in the film Gremlins: "A receptionist in our laboratory thinks it's the cutest thing ever," says Cynthia Breazeal of MIT

although waving it too franccally makes Kismet look fearful. If the person doesn't take the hint to back off, the robot will exhibit anger or disgust. The "fatigue drive" might even set in and send Kismet to sleep for a minute. The robot wakes up automatically in a state of calm, with its emotional drives reset, ready for another encounter. But if the person calms down and looks away for a few moments, its negative expressions disappear. The idea is that a person engages Kismet enough to stop it looking sad, but not so much that it is overwhelmed. If all the emotions are within an acceptable range, the robot maintains a

happy gaze.
Just as babies rely on their adorable looks to attract an adult's interest. Kismet is rather endearing. "Babies evoke an emotional response, which is critical to their survival," says Ms Breazeal. "You have to care about the robot and nurture it. If you couldn't care less about it, you're not going to play with it and it's not going to learn. That's why I want people to treat Kismet like an infant."

People do show strong reactions to her creation, which bears a passing resemblance to the creatures in the film Gremlins. "A receptionist in the laboratory thinks it's the cutest thing ever. She gets a real kick from seeing It change expression," says Ms Breazeal. "In fact, women seem more attuned to it than men."

The technological advances made dur-ing the manufacture of Kismet will be subsumed into the Cog project, an ambitious MIT program to make the world's most insticking point — although Kismet can respond like an infant, it cannot learn. That enormous task will be absorbed into the development of Kismet II, under way at the moment.

Other improvements are planned for the new version, such as a mouth whose curvature changes with mood (at the moment it can only open and close) so that it can smile properly. Its neck will be more mobile, enabling it to look around its environment rather than just staring ahead. Skin and fur will be added over the frame of the face - this aims to evoke a more powerful emodonal response. "We want to make it look like a furry, cute, fanciful creature," Ms Breazeal says. "We decided not to make it look like a human

telligent artificial being. But there is one baby because people have a very negative reaction if even the slightest feature is not quite right. And you have to get people to respond to it in the right way." Its interpre tation of a face as a crude pattern of dark and light shades is also rather primitive - it cannot tell the difference between a human face and that of a soft roy.

The researchers are considering installing "sound files" — computerised sounds such as giggles, cries and burbles that could be called up to accompany certain expressions. They would also like to endow their creature with the rudiments of hearing - not to understand language but to give it the ability to gauge mood from the sound of a voice.

Kismet has intrigued the artificial intelligence community because it incorpo-

head-sized frame. "Most people just cover one area, such as vision, auditory systems or motor control, but Kismet has them all. In that sense it's unusual," Ms Breazeal says. "People get very excited about it be-cause it's kind of way out, "But the real test is yet to come. We have

rates so much technology in its human

this grand vision to create a robotic creature that people can feel they are truly interacting with, so we really need to work on the learning bit. But if we can achieve that, it will be truly groundbreaking."

However, Ms Breazeal does not believe that Kismet's charms should be confined to the laboratory. With its floppy ears, enormous eyes and sweet expressions, it could be taken up by the entertainment and toy industries. Parents, take note.

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New drugs bring flu relief

those illnesses from which it takes a week to recover if you are treated — and seven days if you are not. At last, a new range of drugs seems set to change this. The neuraminidase inhibitors (NI) are not a cure for flu but encouraging results in trials suggest that they can reduce the misery.

Last week the latest data on zanamivir, Glaxo Wellcome's NI, was presented in Denver, Colorado. When added to earlier results for this drug and for an NI called GS4104, produced by Roche, an encouraging picture is taking shape. Unlike the existing flu drugs amantidine and rimantidine, the NIs are equally effective at treating all types of flu, have preventive value if given at the start of an epidemic, and have

few side-effects. And it does

FLU HAS always been one of not seem likely that viral resist ance will be an immediate problem. Patients who

took zanamivir suffered fewer symptoms and were back to normal activioes up to two days sooner, according to the latest study, co-or-dinated by Dr Douglas Fleming of the Birmingham Research Unit of

the Royal College of General Practitioners. A total of 277 patients with flu were given either the drug - which is administered by inhaler - or a placebo. Those given the drug recovered sooner, felt less ill and suffered fewer complications.



BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

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benefits," says Fleming. We observed a significant reduction in the severity of symptoms reported by all patients, so zanamivir not only reduced the dura-

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Roche's drug, taken orally, is running slightly behind zanamivir, but also seems to be doing well in trials. The company reported that it reduced the severity of flu symptoms by 25 to 40 per cent, cut the duration of the illness by 30 per cent,

such as pronchius and sini tis by 50 per cent. A third NI. important health produced by BioCryst in Birmingham, Alabama, is yet to undergo trials.

The NIs are the product of rational drug design. They act by blocking the action of neu-raminidase, an enzyme on which the virus relies to infect new cells. Zanamivir was developed in Australia and licensed to Glaxo Wellcome by Biota Holdings, a Melbourne company. The drug slots into a deft in the three-dimensional surface of the enzyme - the enzyme's "active site" - then

stops it working. The market for flu treatments. Nature Biotechnology estimates, is \$700 million a year (£409 million), but could climb to several billion if the NIs realise their promise.

Crisp future for lettuce



SCIENTISTS at the University of Nottinghave found a way of delaying the droop of lettuce leaves, a find-

ing which could have considerable benefits both for lettuce-growers and for those of us who like a crisp salad.

Lettuce that lasts longer in the fridge might even reconcile reluctant consumers to genetically modified food.

Dr Ian Curtis and his colleagues used a method he has developed which can introduce gene modifications into many different types of lettuce. The genes are attached to an especially virulent form of the plant bacterium Agrobacterium tumefaciens, which is then used to infect the

plants. The beauty of the meth-od is that it works with a wide variety of lettuce cultivars. Dr Curtis has already used

it to create lettuce with a more vigorous root system which may be more arought-toler ant, and lettuce with lower levels of nitrate in their leaves. The ever-crisp variety was created by introducing a gene

called T-cyt, which is responsible for making an enzyme that in turn is involved in the synthesis of cytokinin, a hormone responsible for growth and development. The result was lettuce with

higher levels of cytokinin. which is known to delay the natural process of senescence and decay by protecting cell membranes.

The lettuce stays crisper for longer, which could potentially save much money for growers who at present have to store lettuce at low temperatures or in controlled atmospheres to ensure that it stays

Spot the moose with loose habits



TWO biologists from the University of Nevada have risked ridicule by dressing

up as a moose. Dr Joel Berger dons the front end of a moose suit, his wife, Carol Cunningham, takes the rear. Thus attired, they move among the moose herds of

Wyoming and Alaska, throwing balls of bear dung or snowballs soaked with wolf urine towards the moose. "This is high-tech science," Dr Berger told The New York Times.

The idea was to see if the ab-sence of bear and wolves - traditional enemies of the moose - had altered their behaviour. They compared moose in Alas-

ka, where bears and wolves still flourish, with those in Wyoming, whence the predators have long since vanished. As expected, the Alaskan moose immediately became alert, and the hair rose on the back of their necks when they scented the missiles flung by the intrepid pair. The Wyoming

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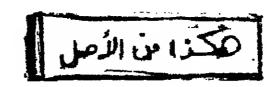
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Great maternity tour but where are the babies?

Monday: It is 5:20pm and we are standing in the foyer of St Luke's-Roosevelt hospital on 10th Avenue and 59th Street. under a white metal gazebo next to the gift shop, which offers an impressive selection of foil balloons and Beanie Babies. A troop of delivery boys hurries in and out bear-ing increasingly exotic baskets laden with a variety of flame lilies, stargazers and pineapples. And behind us what looks like a crematorium wall turns out, on closer examination, to be celebratory stone panels carrying the name of benefactors, includ-ing Time Warner, Ernst & Young and Vogue magazine.
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sevelt, on the first floor. There are 60 of us altogether. 30 pregnant women (alt first-timers) with betties at varying stages of distensioo. and our strange collection of partners, waiting uneasily for a guide to whisk us off on the Maternity Tour - a comput-sory trip for all those planning to give birth here. Several of the men are clearly reluctant participants, still in their

corporate suits, impatiently suckling water from sportstop bottles. A knot of lesbian couples determinedly hold

At 5:30pm our guide directs us to a lecture room, passing round leaflets advertising the hospital's birthing centre. Your beautifully decorated room will have hardwood floors, a full-sized bed, a rocking chair and a bassinet. To ease labour, you may take advantage of a new hydro-therapy tub." Accompanying this text is an artist's sketch reminiscent of a honeymoon suite at the Holiday Inn.

With their guaranteed fast turnover, maternity wards are hugely profitable for American hospitals and, after a swanky refit, St Luke's-Roo-sevelt is top of the New York

"Hi, I'm Penny," says our guide, as we all sit down.
"I'm a trained nurse and I'm now working in corporate

"Hi, Penny," several in our group chorus back on this the first stop of Theme Park Maternity.

"We've got a lot to offer," Penny goes on smoothing the lapels on her ultra-



tailored green suit. "Whatever your needs, we can meet them. We've got high-tech stuff, just like in a movie, and if you prefer less of a medical

ambience, we've got that, too.
"I'll be showing you everything," she says with a smile. Her gold chain and matching earrings wink in the neon. 'Including the birthing

centre, which looks like a Vermont B&B, somewhere you'd go for the weekend to get away from it all."
While I am intrigued by

the idea of giving birth in a "Vermont B&B", there appear to be two distinct disadvantages to the latest fad in birthing centres. The first and rather serious one is that

relief. The second is that you are expected to go home a mere six hours after giving birth — although this is sup-posedly mitigated by the enticement of a single home visit from a nurse the following day.
"Any questions?" Penny

inquires.
"Yes, how long does the ourse's visit last?" asks an anxious looking woman with cropped black hair. "I'm not sure," answers

Penny.
"About an hour," calls out someone else. "I checked already."
"One hour, is that all?" ex-

claims the woman, looking even more anxious. Penny, her face of corpo-rate America unlined, moves

smoothly on to discuss the nursery facilities. "Hey," interrupts a man, his wife nudging him encour-agingly. "Can births be video-taped."

That's between you and your doctor," says Penny with a grimace. "Normally they're not so keen. But photo-

graphs at any point during abour are fine

my neighbour. "If you've got it all on tape, it's much easier to nail them in court."

"So what's the nurse-topatient ratio?" asks an aggressive voice from the back.

"Good question," says Penny brightly. "I'll try to get back to you on that." As we progress down the turquoise corridors, the

group has taken oo the character of an unruly school trip. There are the Swots, who ply Penny with eager questions, the Bored, who stand at the back and talk, the Troublemakers, who tamper with medical equipment, the Show-Offs and the Worriers.

"When are you actually admitted?" demands a worrier. We had a friend who arrived too early and had to sleep with her head on an air-

Well, by the time you're admitted, you'll be in strong labour." explains Penny calm-

"But can you give me a spe-cific time?" persists the worri-

"You'll learn about that in classes," says Penny, speeding along the corridor. Behind her we peer into rooms, gawping at the mothers propped up in their beds as though we are oo an outing to a medical 200. Oddly, we

never see a baby. "Now this is a post-partum room," she cries above our hubbub as we crowd into a pleasant room with Laura Ashley-style decor and a large television bearing the sign. To rent this colour TV

please call ext 6891". "How much is the TV?" demands a troublemaker, the same one keen on videotaping the birth.

Tive dollars a day, and it must be in cash," says Penny. raising ber voice to make sure we can all hear. You should definitely keep some casb in your pocket."

"Check out this view. man," says one of the show-offs, a Wall Street type in a dark suit, clambering on to the bed and propping himself up on one elbow to stare downtown. It is a magnificent vista, taking in midtown, a glimpse of a glittering Hud-son River, and beyond to the twin towers of the World Trade Centre. "Prime real es-

tate or what?" be remarks as

his wife tugs him off. "Too

bad it's wasted oo a hospital."

Outside, the borses that

King," giggles a woman to her female partner, hoisting up her leggings.

Our last stop of the tour is the famous birthing centre. which would indeed look at home in a select guide to Vermont country inns. Penny presses on a large gilt-framed painting above the bed and it slides, James Bond-style, to reveal a hidden cupboard containing oxygen outlets and various medical apparatus. Suddenly, as we squeeze back into the corridor, we bear a baby's cry, and a ourse walks

pull tourist carriages rouod Central Park are clopping

back to their stables for the

can deliver a baby in three minutes," Penny explains,

demoostrating how to place

an infant in a tray that turns

out to be a baby-warmer. "Kinda reminds me of hear-

ing french fries at Bureer

"In a real emergency we

by with a tiny bundle. She pulls the blanket up so we can see its furious red face, and for the first and only time our entire unruly group — the Swots, the Troublemakers, the Worriers, the Show-Offs and the Bored - are united as rapt parents-in-waiting.

Is styling William Hague a mission impossible?

The Tory leader has called in an image consultant. Can anything be done, asks Grace Bradberry

plained bitterly that La-bour had stolen their clothes. They meant this metaphorically and were talking of matters of substance, not style. William Hague has now had to strip off that metaphor. calling in the dapper John Morgan, an associate editor of GQ

magazine and columnist of

this newspaper, to give him a belated makeover. His decision is sadly like that of a general who decides to change tactic only when outflanked on all sides. While Hague was ambling along in his double-breasted suits and peculiar sports jackets. both the Labour leadership and his rival Michael Portillo were stocking their wardrobes with the best political gear. There may not be much left for poor William, who could end up the

In fairness, it is not his fault blow. While Hague was con-

"n the run-up to the last that Labour has stolen a election, the Tories com- march. The horse had bolted march. The horse had bolted by the time he went looking for the reins.

As long ago as 1990, Neil Kinnock's front-bench team wore City suits at the Blackpool conference. Since then, Labour has discovered the New Wave British tailors, acquiring for its own the look that now defines the country's prosperous middle youth. Tony Blair went to Paul Smith before his tast Washington trip, and also fre-quents Malcolm Levine, a tai-

lor who dresses film stars. At the suggestion of Dylan Jones, another style journalist, Gordon Brown patronised Timothy Everest, the East End tailor, for his first Budget day suit. When Blair asked where it was from Brown allegedly refused to tell him. Peter Mandelson has sewn up Richard James and Ozwald Boateng.

But the remaking of Portillo boy in class who copies everymust have been the greatest

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ducting an ill-judged flirtation with baseball caps. Portillo was selecting casual check shirts and beige slacks. Earlier this year, he told about 50 men in suits at the Institute of Economic Affairs how refreshing it would be to see "people wearing open-neck shirts, perbaps

with an Armani jacket". And having flattened his hair as a gesture of humility, he nonetheless lured Hague up a mountain, knowing full well that the wind would highlight Hague's trichological deficiencies. The contrast between Portillo's waxed jacket and Hague's anorak completed the assasination. As Alan Clark said, Hague looked as if he'd just had chemotherapy.

So it is fair to say that not since 1972, when Sir William Price, the Labour MP for Rugby, addressed the House in his overcoat because his trouser zip had broken, has a politician faced such a wardrobe crisis. Even Michael Foot's black donkey jacket does not seem

quite so bad in retrospect. Morgan has an unenviable task. He dresses in Savile Row suits and silk ties, and lives in secluded gentility off Piccadilly. But he must prepare Hague for an altogether rougher world in which his opponents are prepared to resort to

celebrity hairdressers. Morgan is staying shtoom about his plans, but Mark Powell, the funky Soho tailor, says:

"I know John Morgan works with Timothy Everest, so he'll probably go there." There would be a certain poignancy to this: Everest dressed Tom Cruise in Mission: Impossible. Hague must wish he could

turn back the clock. Trevor Royle, an historian and sometime poliocal commentator, notes: William Pitt was an ugly little chap with a highpitched voice. He performed well in Parliament at a time when a parliamentarian was seen only by other parliamentarians. We can't disinvent the apparatus of current politics.

Double-breasted suits and big collars were the young Tories' badge of office when Major was in power, but now that Labour has had its change of image, he looks like an old

Peter York, the image consultant famous for The Sloane Rangers' Handbook, wonders if Hague isn't simply beyond rescue: "He has not related to his own generation at all; it is a bit late now."

Whatever outward impres sion he gives, Hague must, behind the scenes, try hard indeed, says Mary Spillane, the managing director of Cotour Me Beautiful, an image consul-

"How televisual a politician is can make or break his/her poliocal career." It almost makes one yearn for Harold Wilson and his Gannex mac.

IMAGE consultants agree that William Hague should stop trying so hard and choose a wardrobe that makes him look comfortable and credible. Mary Spillane says that Mr Hague should stick to

mary spitiane says that Mr Hague should suck to doubte-breasted suits — the look of John Major's Tory party — to make him appear bigger. "The problem is that if he wears single-breasted, he looks like a beanpole," she says. "With his light colouring, it means he can appear wimpish." She adds that Mr Hague should wear only light, blue-grey or charcoal suits, coloured shirts and warm, golden ties to brighten his fair complexion. His shirt collars should be cutaway to make his neck look wider. "In winter, he should be seen with a camel coat over his shoulder to create more bulk," she concludes.

Susie Faux, the managing director of Wardrobe Consultancy, says that Mr Hague should avoid bespoke suits as too conservative and British. She suggests an off-the-peg Ermenegildo Zegna suit, either double-breasted or high-buttooed and single-breasted, to make him appear more

modern and European. Zegna has beautiful fabrics and modern styling, so he will not look as though be is trying too hard," says Ms Faux. But sbe adds that Mr Hague should discover his own look rather than taking advice. "He should look as if his appearance is

effortless, the way Tooy Blair does now." Peter York reckons that Mr Hague's aim should be to look neither old-fashioned nor high fashion, "He should look like a decent powerbroker in his early forties, but nothing more

Mr York says that Mr Hague should avoid 1980s-style pinstripes and double-breasted suits. He suggests a visit to a Savile Row tailor for some dark, single-breasted suits and

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Getting tough on the mean streets

Bronwen Maddox on cleaning

up the US murder capital

The police officer clicked an icon on the screen of his taptop, and one wall of the darkened room became an intricate stained glass win-dow, illuminated with a map of the past months crime on the streets of New Orleans. In the French Quarter, with its narrow, balconied streets, insistent saxophone players, and throngs of conference delegates wearing their lapel badges. there is only a smattering of mulocoloured dots. Burglary of a few antique shops, a few handbag snatchings, a

couple of drug possessions. But north and south along the curve of the Mississippi River, into the ports and the housing projects, the coloured symbols for two dozen sorts of crime obliterate the street pattern. Red squares for a homicide, triangles for rapes and child abuse, little red guns for a shooting, and fistfuls of purple and yellow dots for narcodes offences.

By New Orleans' standards. this counts as progress. It is proud that it is no longer the murder capital of America, a transformation dubbed "Revolution" on the front page of the

Times-Picayune. But the lessons are clear; things didn't The police need to get that bad, and the cure held on the city has now chosen should give easily to more than a brief pause for thought. their

The city's struggle back towards reputation civilisadon is like a Hollywood film. for graft Four years ago. New Orleans was in crisis. Conven-

tions were cancelling their bookings while the ports, the city's only other artery of cash. poured illegal drugs worth millions of dollars into the United States. Any young person wanting a job went to Houston: those who stayed, shot each other. The police held effortlessly on to their reputation as one of the most corrupt forces in the country.

Enter the hero of the tale: the new police chief, Richard Pennington, coaxed by the Mayor away from Washington DC, the city's rival in the homicide tables. A tall, grave. black man with glasses, he can still muster outraged incredulity at the state in which he found the department.

"Their bellies were so big they couldn't see their shoes," he says. Few wore uniforms — it cramped their style to be identified as police officers and they cruised around in black, unmarked cars "so they could sneak up on people", he says. One officer, on a \$20,000 salary, had an annual income of about \$1 million from film companies working in the city: he would give them police cars, uniforms, petrol, even officers to escort them, and

would then pocket the cheque. Enter the scene at the same time the man whom Hollywood would make Pennington's alter ego: John Casbon, a tall, white, handsome leader of the local business community. Realising that local people would never agree to funnel more tax money into police officers' pockets, he raised between \$2 million and \$3 million from local firms to clean out the stables.

In three years, Pennington has arrested 70 of his officers, including an eight-member drug gang: two officers are on death row. He has dismissed 80, and eased out t50 more, to 1,000 from 1,200. Officers now tuck clean shirts into trim belts and drive around in white cars with "Police" on the side. A first-year policeman is now paid \$30,000, or \$50,000 with overtime, compared with

\$17,000 before. in a drive to get the worst villains off the streets quickly. Pennington brought charges of gun or drug possession under federal law, rather than murder charges under state taw. The lesser charges, which carry a mandatory five-year sentence, are easier to prosecute as they do not rely on third-party witnesses, who can be threatened or kitled. The courts also upheld a strict curfew on those under 17: home by 8pm in term-time, 9pm during holidays.

Crime figures, in all categories, immediately plummeted. At the most extreme, deaths in the housing estates fell by 80 per cent in the first year;

residents no longer sleep on the floor at night for fear of the random gunfire from dealers testing their Uzis and AK47s by shooting in the air. No one would

begrudge New Orleans its new serenity, but the jails are stuffed full and the children are under curfew. These emergency meas ures cannot last for ever.

Nor will the cash from the business community - and nor should it. For all the value of that jump-start, the city has dealt too lightly with the conflict of interest that comes from palming a central responsibility of government on to the shoulders of business. Pennington shrugs off such questions: "We police everyone equally," he says. But you don't need to have read many John Grisham thrillers to sketch the second half of a possible movie, where a businessman bankrolling the police is caught in a tax fiddle, or found with drugs late at night.

bove all. New Orleans is a lesson in how bad things can get when you devolve too much power, and too much of the burden of raising money, to the local level. Its entrenched problems a third of its half-million people are below the poverty line - are largely seen as issues for the city to solve, not the state of Louisiana.

This is, of course, an exotic tale of the American heart of darkness, springing partly out of the country's unique problems of racial relations and violence. But it is also a simple tale of government gone wrong, and of the clumsy substitutes that may be invoked to fill that vacuum. Those who sign up eagerly to those current fashions for devolution or for public-private partnerships should at least allow their minds to run through all the possible plots of the screenplay, including the darker endings.



Apocalypse later

ritish policy towards President Saddam Hussein now passes all comprehension. On Saturday night, the Anglo-American alliance more than blinked. It crawled back into its hole with its tail between its legs, its Tomahawks limp in its jaw, After a half-hearted invitation from Saddam to play yet another round in the eight-year-old game of spot-the-weapon, the "fearsome armada" was again stood down. Inspect Saddam's weapons? Off and on. Destroy them? We can't. Bomb him into submission? We tried three times. Topple Sad-

I have rarely sympathised with the US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, or with the US Defence Secretary and his Joint Chiefs of Staff. But their reported fury at being forced by Bill Clinton to capitulate to Saddam's latest bluff was understandable. What is the point of bloodcurdling threats against a man who bankers, journalists has broken his word at least six times, and consultants and only to let him do so again? If Britain see what happens and America wanted to send the next. I would guess famous "bombing message", last that the regime Sunday was the day. Western person- would be toppled or nel had been withdrawn. The famous improved in months. 250 targets had been selected with proverbial "pinpoint accuracy". The Pentagon estimated that only 10,000 Iraqi civilians were likely to be killed (a number that is presumably acceptable to Labour MPs). Sunday was as good a day as any for a turkey shoot by the Rambos of Washington and

Downing Street. But no. Saddam sends one of his cheeky, you-can-come-back-if-vonpromise-to-be-good letters, and Apocalypse Now becomes Apocalypse, er. some other time. In a remarkable gesture of conciliation. Mr Clinton even pledged \$97 million to Iraqi opposition groups to "topple Saddam". Such support is invariably the kiss of death to such groups. Small wonder there was dancing in the streets of Baghdad. On Sunday t detected that Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, was tentative (on CNN) about the toppling policy, which is a violation of the same UN Charter that he is fighting to uphold. By Monday Mr Cook's scruples had been whipped into line. He and his leader are now signed up to a Middle East "Bay of Pigs" enterprise. Yet Saddam is as secure as ever. His people are as ain in reality means America. Britain for each intervention has never been impoverished as ever. His weapons now appears more beholden to clear-cut, and the means used have

The West is an unbalanced alliance.

It cares too little about Iraq to fight

are as intact, or non-existent, as ever. Millions of pounds have been wasted. There have always been only two

coherent policies towards Saddam. One is to send armoured columns racing to Baghdad supported by air cover, to eliminate the Republican Guard, neutralise Iraqi command and control, flush out Saddam, kill him and install a Western puppet. It dam? We have been trying since 1991 and it does not work. The whole thing is risky, and might well court chaos in the region. But it is what "toppling" means. Brave, self-confident imperialists did this in the 19th century. Threats of aerial bombardment are not versions of this option: they

merely draw attention to its rejection.

The other coherent option is to end

the inspection minuet, lift economic sanctions, flood the country with money. No modern nation is made to "see sense", as Tony Blair puts it.

into the Middle Ages. Regimes are er, and John Major, distanced himself destabilised by contact, not ostracism. The test is easy. Which governments are more secure: the sanctioned Libya, Cuba, Iran and Iraq, or the "open-door" Malaysia, Korea and Indonesia? British diplomacy has yet to learn joined-up writing.

A number of worrying conclusions follow from the past week's events. The first is that "the West" now means only America and Britain. Nobody else believed for a minute that bombing Iraq would do anything but destroy property and kill people. Moral support was limited to states in varying degrees of debt to America. France sided with Russia and China on Iraq's side. Britain was neither at the heart of Europe, nor even part of Europe. It was with America. This week it was not "the West" that was standing up (or lying down) to Saddam. It was the English-speaking North Atlantic axis.

Yet the phrase America-and Brit-

Washington adventurism than at any time since Harold Wilson and Vietnam. Mr Cook's support for Mr Clinton's inexcusable bombing of a Sudanese medicine factory last August is capped by his agreement to an American strategy for toppling the ruler of a sovereign state. He must know that the policy is unethical and usually counter-productive. Yet he is imprisoned in a loyalty to Washington felt by no other European country. Britain is ostensibly joining America in the overthrow of any ruler with whose policies or arsenals they disagree, whether he owns nuclear weapons or merely a tank of sarin or a vat of anthrax.

A book out this month by Oxford's Christopher Coker, The Twilight of the West, rightly warns of the introversion of The Continent is no yet found an empire. longer a part of "the West", over against

the East, but a regional trading bloc concerned only with its internal interests. by being bombed and impoverished Tony Blair has, like Baroness Thatchfrom this introversion. London's magnetic pull is as strongly transatlantic as ever. The special relationship is alive, between two nations accus-

torned to being world policemen.

Nobody schooled in 20th-century history can regard this relationship as sinister. It remains the world's ultimate guarantor of law and order. tested and found reliable when international order blatantly breaks down, as in the Falklands and Kuwait. More baffling is what the Anglo-American alliance (as "the West" should now be styled) has as its continuous mission. More recent interventions have involved policing civil wars and curbing demagogues. In Somalia, Haiti, Rwanda, Yugoslavia and the Middle East there has been a pattern of rapid force projecdon, hesitation, uncertainty and re-treat. There has been no consistency

or follow-through. The reason is that the jusofication been disproportionately military. These brush-fire conflicts offer no enemies like those of the Cold War. America has the mighoest military machine in the history of the world, a machine still on the runway, engines roaring and eager for a new purpose. Yet the only jobs it can find are

inappropriate or beneath its dignity.

Mr Clinton has come up with various tasks. He has sought to free the world from drugs, to free it for democracy and, most recently, to free it from terrorism and humanitarian ourrages. Like Ronald Reagan and George Bush before him, he sees in the spread of "stane-sponsored terrorism a plausible replacement for the Cold War as a goal of American deterrence. But terrorism is a slippery concept. It applies to the Tokyo subway poisoners and the Omagh and Oklahoma bombers, to the drug lords of Colombia and Burma and to the licensed killers of Yugoslavia and Rwanda. Terrorism means many things to many nations. Sometimes they wish to handle it themselves. To turn Dean Acheson's gibe, American the new Europe, foreign policy has lost a role and not

> merica and Britain are still struggling to target the evils of the world with the blunt weapons of the Cold War. When maniacs bombed embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in August. America could think of no reaction but that of General Curtis LeMay, to bomb someone, anyone, in return. In the case of Iraq, only a strange public deference to military wisdom still accepts the thesis that aerial bombardment can "neutralise" a mobile arsenal of chemical weapons. The same deference underpins the belief that economic sanctions induce popular revolution against dictatorial

regimes. They do not. The threat of massive retaliatory force contained aggressive dictatorship in the second half of the 20th century, it cannot police the internal conflicts of states. It has finally proved Mao's prediction: that Western power is a paper oger. For all the bluster, neither Britain nor America really minds enough about Saddam to fight him to the death. The game is not worth the candle. Britain and the United States proclaim zero tolerance, but will not enforce it. They talk big but have not the guts to do the courageous thing, which is to change Alan Coren



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hen, not so very tong ago, the credit card slipped into our lives and changed them for ever, it was able to do so by making us one simple promise it had pondered long and hard about that promise, because it had to be a very good promise indeed if we were to be persuaded that changing our lives for ever was the right thing to do, and the credit card knew that this end could not be achieved by promising us that we should always have something to scrape the ice off our windscreens, or free our molar gaps from raspberry pips, or clear crumbs from our tablecloths, or even break into premises by opening locks to which we lacked the key. It knew that it had to reach far deeper into the collective psyche to locate and fondle that subconscious G-spot which would make it irresistible to us.

So the credit card promised that it would say more about us than cash ever could. For it had concluded that what we most wanted the world to say about us was that we had so much money that we didn't need money at all, because an organisation with more money than anybody had such trust in us that it would pick up any tab on our behalf. All we had to do when the tab was presented was lay the card beside it. whereupon our creditor would immediately fall to the Axmin-

ster and kiss our hems. After a bit, of course, once that wondrous status had been conferred on so many punters that its wondrousness was inevitably diminished, new wondrousness had to be intro-duced, first by the gold card, then by the platinum, each saying even more about us than cash ever could, ft now said that we were not just rich, but so rich that we had to be someone a bit special to have got that rich in the first place.

At which point the credit card suddenly discovered it had run out of precious metals. This was a serious problem: with more and more platinum cards about, more and more rich people wanted even more said about them than mere platinum ever could, but there were no superior ores available to say it. What was the credit card to do?

I'll tell you what it was to do. It was to send me a brochure. It hit my mat this morning. On the cover is a picture of The University of Oxford Visa card. Open the brochure, and inside you will find two dozen pictures of college Visa cards, alongside a smarmy rubric declaring that you can now apply for a Magdalen Visa card, a Balliol card, a Wadham card, and so on. t rang Visa. No. 1 didn't need to have been at any of these colleges to qualify, all I needed to have was the cash which the card would say more about me than. And since a tiny percentage of each transaction goes to the college, what it patently says is that the bearer is supporting his alma mater. He an Oxford man. Watch waiters fawn! Watch osteopaths goggle! Watch checkout

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shall not, of course, be applying for any of these, since for some irritating reason All Souls has not signed up to the scheme, and theirs is the only card I'd want to flash, apart from the Rowing Blue visa card, which, sadly, isn't offered, either. I shall just have to bide my time, until the next inevitable status-hike, ft might well bring the Eton Visa card and t shouldn't mind one of those, it would knock their socks off at Cricklewood Donuts. Either that or the Brigade of Guards Visa card, ticketyboo for buying a James Locke bowler, they'd probably chuck in a bespoke baseball cap gratis and bow you to the

unkling door, very nice. Not, mind, that there isn't one tiny snag to all this, already spotted, I'm sure, by anyone unsettled at the prospect of being spotted, for while it is one thing to plonk down your impressive plastic in Crockfords or Asprey's or some equally public arena, it is quite another to have it clocked by someone who immediately beltows: "Good God, a Wykehamisi, which house, which year, did you have old Ratty folkes-Simcox for Greek, 100? or "Stone me, a 2 Para Visa card, we must have been at Goose Green together, come and have a large one!"

For that, I'm afraid, is the inbuili curse of the credit card's latest quantum teap. It now says more about you than truth

Shore fire?

TONY BLAIR is being urged to bid a fond farewell to Lord Shore of Stepney, who led the revolt that caused the Government such humiliation yesterday. The Eurosceptic former Cabinet minister (below left) has been told off by Baroness Jay of Paddington (right), whose father Jim Callaghan was Peter Shore's boss. This followed a sharp exchange in the House of Lords which had Jay on the verge of tears. Afterwards Labour whips were said to be furious, and were considering withdrawing the

freaks) was Secretary of State for Economic Affairs in the Sixties and went on to become Environment Secretary under Callaghan, so if Blair agrees to turf him out it will be one of his strongest signals that he has no time for old Labourites. Shore, who joined the party in 1948, felt snutibed when Jay gave

way to a former fitter, Lord Evans of Parkside, instead of Shore. "1 find this a disagreeable debate. blasted Shore, "and t have hardly been encouraged by what has happened in the past 30 seconds." He then continued to let rip, using such words as "disagreeable, de-

pressing and petty".

Tears could be seen in Jay's eyes as she sat through the orade from Shore, standing just feet away Afterwards she was shaking with rage and was taken off for a recuperative drink, but only after she had words with the old



warhorse. "She was furious." I am told. "When it was mentioned to the whips that he has to be disciplined they said that this is a course of action which is being considered. And that is whips speak for 'he is out of here'."

Shore denies causing offence: "She made a minor miscalculation but she is a very robust lady." Just how robust, we shall soon discover.

● CHERJE BLAIR must be feeling frisky. Three muscular male cyclists from Bristol University met



her at Downing Street before their charity pedal across America. Will Rawling, one of the team, was complimented by a mischievious Cherie: "You have lovely legs."

Oxford union

OXFORD could be the venue for Bill Clinton and Monlca Lewinsky to come together once more. The US President has been invited to attend celebrations to mark the 750th anniversary of the founding of University College, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. Clinton has been asked to bring Hillary and Chelsea to an "old

member's ball" and a family open day. No old girl herself, Lewinsky

of nostalgia with the President

after being invited as a guest to the

s been asked to indulge in a spot

terday, clamouring to be pictured with the Tory leader. Tony Benn snapped away at the fans with their hero.

WILLIAM HAGUE was mobbed

by schoolgirls at Westminster yes-

Cat flap

REVEALED: the PM has a cat. Following the important invesogation over Humphrey (Alan Clark suggested Cherie had bumped off the feline until a camera crew was sent to his redrement home). Kitty, a tortoiseshell tabby, plays with the Blairs' children at Chequers, where she lived under the Tories. But she fears Alastair Campbell Says one insider: "He hates ani- and verse. Anderton (above right) mals." And Kitty is not keen on media exposure in case she's packed off to the suburbs.

council is advertising an injured known," says her man, "including pigeon hothine.

Full measure

SOPHIE ANDERTON is joining a young artist, I am saddened and Alexandra Airken, daughter of angered by the destruction to Jonathan, in a crusade against the creativity that is caused by alcohol evils of drink. The two models are and drugs," she tells me. "I have to be joint hosts of a publishing seen many friends hurt and famiparty to toast Alcohol, an anony- lies destroyed through abuse. If



mous cautionary book, in cartoon engaged to Robert Hanson, is a perfect compère: in March she collapsed after taking an overdose of cocaine, champagne and vodka, • GUARDIANS of the public and ended up enjoying a sont in an nurse. a new series. Islington Arizona clinic. "Her difficulties are

But why is Alexandra (left), still a teenie but described as an "Internationally acclaimed sculptor, actress and fashion model", involved? "As

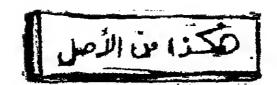


people understood the consequences then alcohol companies and drug dealers would hide their heads for what they are doing to our families and the world," I shall hang the note by the baronial drinks cabinet.

• IS STEPHEN FRY fit to dish out awards for the Bad Sex Prize? This from his novel The Hippopotamus. an account of a boy having sex with a horse (as one does): "He gasped with the blinding joy of what he felt," writes Fry, launching into o torrid description involving flailing honds and toils. "The sensa-tion blinded his head with stors."

JASPER GERARD

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BROWN'S BACK DOOR

The Chancellor signs Britain up to a socialist EU agenda

Tony Blair has been remarkably successful in embalming the debate both on economic and monetary union, and on Britain's broader strategic aims within the European Union. He has persuaded the public that it knows where this Government is headed; that British membership of EMU is a decision for the next Parliament, and that his aim in making this country a more active European player is to promote a deregulatory, free market EU agenda.

That is not the game, it turns out, that his Chancellor, Gordon Brown, has been playing behind the scenes. The British Government has been not merely a prominent actor, but the prime mover in the drawing up of a pan-Socialist platform, The New European Way - Economic Reform in the Framework of EMU. This remarkable political document, which is being finalised in time for this weekend's Ecofin meeting of EU finance ministers. will be the launching pad for a concerted drive by the 11-strong centre-left majority in EU councils to set the agenda. It calls for far closer co-ordination of EU economic, fiscal and social and employment policies. For Britain, it represents a hugely important symbolic and practical commitment to closer EU integration, which goes far beyond what ministers have disclosed.

Work on this "people's Europe" blueprint began last February, under the British presidency. The vehicle has been the "informal" caucus of the Party of European Socialists within Ecofin. Its tone owes something to new Labour rhetoric. But its content, calling for "a new Social Contract for solidarity' and "the further development of the contract for social justice", an "active welfare state", "fair rules for competition" and "a set of common rules for the economic and social well being of European citizens", reflects the strong interventionist traditions of mainstream continental socialism. "A United Europe" is the socialist response to globalisation: "In European co-operation, we develop new transpational initiatives which alone are strong enough to guide

and regulate global forces." The influence of Oskar Lafontaine, the left-wing German Finance Minister with whom Mr Brown will co-ordinate strategy for the Ecofin meeting in London tomorrow, is unmistakable. The 11 governments commit themselves to higher disposable incomes - a policy which has already

brought Herr Lafontaine into confrontation with German industry - and "a new culture of regulation" for public utilities. They plan EU-wide legislative and administrative measures for small and mediumsized businesses, which Britain has hitherto maintained should be a purely national concern. Common economic and budgetary policies will be set "in conformity with the single monetary policy", specifically involving closer co-operation between countries inside and outside EMU "in order to ensure the European Way".

A key segment of the document explains why, when they met on Monday, Herr Lafontaine and his French counterpart, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, were so confident that taxes on savings and businesses would be harmonised within six months. While the EU is already committed to eliminating "unfair" tax competition such as discriminatory treatment of foreign direct investment - this goes far further. It deplores EMU's potential to increase tax competition and pledges to avoid this "harmful" development by "co-ordinating savings and corporate taxation".

Socialist policy will not only target non-EU tax havens, such as the Channel Islands, but the trend among overtaxed and over-regulated EU corporations to invest in Central Europe and other emerging markets. Blithely disregarding the horror with which this would be greeted in Washington, the 11 assert that: To avoid increasing flows of saving and investment from the EU towards third countries and European territories, to which the Treaty does not apply, we must actively promote an OECD-wide approach to tax policy co-ordination."

With this document, the Chancellor has committed Britain to European Integration along frankly socialist lines. Nowhere do such ambitions figure in Labour's election manifesto. He may protest that it has no formal status; but given that it excludes only Spain, Belgium, Ireland and Luxembourg, this "red-green" manifesto is a political reality. Mr Brown has let his determination to be part of the EMU-II club ride roughshod over Cabinet responsibility. On matters of tax policy, a vital British interest, be has shown himself ready to sell the pass. Where stands the Prime Minister? In the dark? Or in his Chancellor's shadow? The only certainty is that the country has been kept in the dark.

LET THE PEOPLE CHOOSE

The Government should abandon closed list elections

Next week the Queen's Speech will be published. It will contain a Bill to abolish the right of hereditary peers to vote in the House of Lords. At the worst possible time, the Government's maladroit handling of the introduction of a new electoral system for the European Parliament has succeeded in turning Viscount Cranborne, heir to the Marquess of Salisbury and Conservative Leader in the House of Lords, into a champion of Britain's representative democracy. Yesterday Lord Cranborne marshalled his forces to reject - for a fourth time - the closed list system, which would allow voters to choose a party, but not an individual candidate. The Prime Minister accused the peers of committing "an affront to democracy". The real affront would be for the Government to force through a voting system which gives party machines more power at voters' expense.

The Government's intransigence has triggered a game of constitutional pingpong. The Bill will be volleyed back and forth between the House of Commons and House of Lords until either the peers vote in favour of the Government's proposals. or the Government gives in. Failure to reach an agreement by the end of the parliamentary session, planned for this Friday, will force ministers either to drop the measure entirely (and stick with the current electoral system), or agree to the peers' amendment, or invoke the Parliament Act and force the Bill through the House of Lords in the next session.

The Prime Minister and Home Secretary would be foolish to bludgeon this Bill through the Upper House. The debate is not about the hereditary principle, as they suggest. but whether people's choice should be replaced by parties' choice. In this case, the unelected peers are protecting the power of the electorate. The Government's attempt to distract the debate is a sign of its failure to make a convincing case in favour of closed lists. Few people may know who their MEP is. Closed lists might mean that more women and ethnic minorities were elected. Open lists - in which voters rank their preference for candidates - might create the anomaly whereby some candidates could be elected with fewer votes than others. Yet none of these arguments addresses the real issue: why should voters be stripped of the opportunity to choose the candidate they wish to represent them?

The Government's stubbornness has united politicians normally as far apart as Viscount Cranborne and the former Viscount Stansgate. Tony Benn. This issue has made ministers vulnerable to the charge that the selection of Labour's candidates for leader of the Welsh Assembly, mayor of London and for the European election is a disturbing feature of this Government's attitude to power. It prefers the "selectorate" to the electrate, preaching the virtues of devolution while practising the vices of centralisation. Worse still, critics argue, by abolishing the right of hereditary peers to vote in the House of Lords, the Government will emasculate the independence of the second chamber and replace it with a giant "closed list" of political appointees.

Ministers should realise that they have been outmanoeuvred. Tony Blair made trust a central issue at the general election. He should trust the people, and leave them with the power to choose which individuals they send to the European Parliament.

GRANNY'S MOUSE

The old meet the young in cyberspace

The onset of age is marked by the moment when you realise that your eight-year-old can reprogramme a video recorder more quickly than you. Batfled adults are quite accustomed to leaving technology to the tiny tots. But now a new survey suggests that the over-60s are among the most enthusiastic users of computers. Retiring types, it seems, are likely to spend as many as ten hours a week at the keyboard three hours longer than the average user. Computer course holidays have become a popular holiday option as the elderly go online for their leisure. Granny is a whiz with megabytes and mice.

For old people living in the countryside, or without easy access to transport, the information superhighway proves a valuable option as online shopping becomes more popular. And in other practical areas of life, the computer is already integral. Accounts are quickly tapped out on a computer keyboard. Pension plans are

explored on spreadsheets and desk-top publishing programs put out the latest edition of the parish newsletter.

But more important is the social role of the computer. Electronic technology fosters a precious bond between age and youth. Yesterday The Times reported a pioneering crèche scheme at a Sevenoaks old people's home in which pre-school children were cared for by elderly residents. Both age groups benefited enormously from the contact and the health authority responsible for the home intends to repeat its experiment. Clearly, in an era in which families are increasingly dispersed, this communication across a broad age span is enjoyable and beneficial. And electronic technology, it seems can help to foster it. As grandparents chatter to their grandchildren via e-mail, the age of innocence meets the age of experience in cyberspace. And all over the country silver-surfers are enjoying a second childhood.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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drugs in schools

From Mr Peter Inson

Sir. The suggestion by Estelle Morris. School Standards Minister (report, November 17), that head teachers should not automatically expel pupils who are found in possession of illegal drugs in school, and her call for flexibility in these matters, will add to the difficulties of head teachers.

Schools are unusual in that they are part of a custodial system; they are responsible to parents for the safety and security of their children while they are at school. They cannot share with parents knowledge about poor or dangerous behaviour on the part of particular children who may be in close contact with their children while they are at school and, sometimes, on the way to and from school. The school alone has the responsibility and duty to act on behalf of all its parents in the light of this particular knowledge and parents have little option but to trust schools in these

Many parents will insist, quite understandably, that they do not wish their children to be compelled to keep company with children who are involved with illegal drugs. Indeed, the notion that this is somehow acceptable is morally repugnant. Schools have to bear this in mind when acting on behalf of such

The minister is concerned for the continuing education of pupils who are excluded from school. In the long term it would be more constructive to address the attitudes and actions of families so that it was more generally realised that access to a worthwhile education in a school worth attending depends on families presenting their children for education in a reasonably socialised and self-disciplined state.

I fear that the minister's comments will simply be used to make even more difficult the complex and fraught particular situations with real families with which head teachers have to deal.

Yours sincerely PETER INSON (Headmaster, Twyford High School, 1995-98), 15 Priory Crescent. Sudbury, Middlesex HA0 2QQ. peterinson@compuserve.com November 17.

From the Headmaster of More House School, Frensham

Sir. As headmaster of a school for boys with specific learning difficulties who are inevitably vulnerable and very amenable to peer pressure, I have a totally draconian policy on

All boys, and their parents, know that if a student is found with any quantity of an illegal substance within his possession, at school, then he is expelled instantly.

During the last five years 1 have

only had to make use of this measure on one occasion and my staff and I are convinced that this policy has kept the school so clear of drugs at a time when other establishments have had considerable difficulties. It is the only disciplinary area where we have such a stringent rule.

I would urge the minister to think

Yours faithfully, BARRY HUGGETT. Headmaster, More House School, Farnham, Surrey GUIO 3AP. November 17.

Portillo and the euro

From Dr Alan Sked

Sir. Michael Portillo is right. The Tory party is now the only one with the political weight to lead the campaign against the euro freport, later editions, November 10; see also report and leading article, November 11). In fact, it is vital that the Tories should win the next election, since otherwise we face the prospect of a referendum on the single currency being weighted in favour of Brussels.

I for one are certainly ready to offer Mr Portillo my support in any plans he may be preparing to protect the pound. I trust, however, that the Tory party will be united over this.

Yours sincerely. ALAN SKED (Leader, UK Independence Party, 1993-97). Flat 3, Aberdeen Court, 68 Aberdeen Park, Highbury, N5 2BH. November tl.

Assembly plans

From Lord Rogers of Riverside

Sir, Your report today on the plan for the Welsh assembly by my practice states that there are "charges of cronvism as I am a "Labour colleague of the former Prime Minister in the Upper House". One of the pleasures of the competition was to meet Lord Callaghan of Cardiff for the first time.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD ROGERS. House of Lords. November 13.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

Heads' duties over London Tube fares 'unfairly high'

From Mr Illtyd Harrington

Sir, You kindly published a letter from me (February 28, 1997) which warned about the damage to the social and economic life of the capital caused by London Transport's high fares (letters, November 16). They were, I said, the highest in Europe.

Within three hours I received a letter by courier from the then chairman of London Transport, rebuking and indeed correcting me. Dublin had that coveted position, he said sharply. And anyway, the weekly, monthly and annual ticket blunted the impact. I found his comments over-protective. Well, now we await the next hike in

the new year (report, October, 27) but no one wants to revert to the formula of the 1970s, which was based upon a revenue competition of an equitable distribution between local and national taxpayer as well as the passenger.

Try as I may I cannot see commuter, metropolitan man, or indeed the tourist. A single journey on the Tube within zone one is now £1.30 and "travel cards" are £13, £15 and £520 for a week, a month and a year respectively; all of which seems to produce an overcrowded and unrelia-

ble service. Surely the answer cannot be ever-increasing fares and decreasing efficiency. Why do European cities do better? I await the arrival of London Transport's courier. At least GLC's Fare's Fair worked.

Yours sincerely.
ILLTYD HARRINGTON (Deputy Leader, GLC, 1973-85), 16 Lea House, Salisbury Street, NW8 8BJ November 16.

rare opportunity to win a point

Surely, however, it is time for

compromise. There are various op-tions between fully open and fully

closed lists which are used by our

European partners. These systems,

against a strong Government.

concerns of the Opposition.

Electoral Reform Society, 6 Chancel Street, SEI OUU.

From Mr Peter Shortell

Sir, In referring to Peter Shore's

33-year tenure as MP for Stepney,

Robert Evans, MEP (letter, Novem-

ber 17), manages to make precisely the

wrong point. If the electorate had really disliked Shore they would

indeed have voted for another party.

That is, after all, what happened to John Taylor in Cheltenham in 1992

when, to their shame, a sufficient

number decided they preferred a white Liberal to a black Conservative.

defect in the current system. I want to

be able to express my opinion on the

A closed party list exaggerates a

Yours sincerely,

KEN RITCHIE,

Chief Executive,

November 13.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. SHORTELL, 81 Hales Road,

Cheltenham GL52 6SR.

pshortell@bigfoot.com November 17.

From Professor J. C. Mann

for a list of party members.

called the Nomenklatura?

28 St Catherines Avenue,

Yours sincerely,

J. C. MANN,

November 12.

Sir, I see that, in the European

elections, we will be required to vote

Is this not what the Communists

Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 5EE.

that they were members of the

Slavo-British Legion, White Russian

peasants who enlisted for a variety of

reasons in a force that had British

officers and NCOs and wore British

uniforms. When the British Army

withdrew in September 1919 the Red

Army quickly broke through their

lines and many thousands must have been killed in battle or executed and

So many British uniforms were sent

to Russia, and so corrupt were the White Russian officials who dealt with their distribution, that whole

Red Army units fought in uniforms paid for by the British taxpayer. The

graves may even be of Red Army

2 Kelly Gardens, Abbey Meads, Swindon, Wiltshire SN2 3YH,

Register of Masons

From Miss C. M. Newman, QC

Sir, The Government's request for

members of the judiciary (even the humblest of part-timers) to state

whether they are Freemasons (letters.

November 2 and 6) was also sent to

Was this done to avoid gender bias

or have 1 missed the storming of

another male bastion?

CATHERINE NEWMAN,

Lincoln's Inn, WC2A 3UA.

From Mrs A. J. Wilcock

fathers have flu.

Yours faithfully.

A. J. WILCOCK,

November 7

Rule of thumb for flu

Sir, I have no difficulty in differen-

tiating between a cold and flu (letter,

November 6): mothers have colds.

48 Badshot Park, Badshot Lea.

Farnham, Surrey GU9 9JZ.

Yours faithfully,

13 Old Square.

November 6.

given a mass burial.

Yours sincerely, PHIL TOMASELLI,

November 10.

Voting for candidate, not party

From Mr Warwick Cairns

Sir. Peter Riddell farticle, November 17) says that a problem with the open-list system in elections is that it "encourages candidates of the same party to compete against each other".

That is exactly what is good about it you see, I want to vote for a candidate who opposes the euro - 1 don't particularly care whether they are Labour or Conservative - and if I can't choose my candidate, there is absolutely no way that I will vote and. allow the party bosses to give my "endorsement" to a Europhile.

Under the closed-list system, my vote for a party can be counted as a vote for a candidate supporting a cause that I utterly disapprove of. That can't be democracy.

Yours sincerely, WARWICK CAIRNS, 68 Grove Road, Windsor, Berkshire SLA 1HS. November 17.

From the Chief Executive of the Electoral Reform Society

Sir, The tennis game which the Government and the Lords are playing with the European Parliamentary Elections Bill does no credit Proposals from a Government

which won a decisive electoral victory are being blocked repeatedly by unelected opposition peers, people who have no democratic legitimacy. Here, surely, is further proof of the need for reform of the Lords. Ironically, however, on this occa-

sion the matter on which a majority of their lordships have dug in their heels is the protection of voters' rights. While the elected Government demands closed lists which deny electors the right to choose their MEPs, it is the unelected Lords who have thrice

That does not, unfortunately, mean that their position is entirely virtuous. Some opposition peers have stood courageously against an electoral system which hands yet more power to the party machines, but many more, I fear, are more motivated by a

Russian mass grave

From Mr Phil Tomaselli

Sir, Your report, "Russian grave may hold our soldiers" (November 10). suggests that "dozens" of British soldiers may lie buried in a mass grave at Kandalaksha, south of Murmansk.

The Archangel Memorial to the Missing, which covers both the Archangel and Murmansk civil-war fronts in 1918 and 1919 as well as a few other officers and men lost in Russia during the First World War, records some 210 missing. The vast majority of them fell on the Archangel front in 1919, which was the scene of the heaviest fighting, and these men could not have been buried at

If the "dozens" are being tentatively identified as British because of their uniforms then it is much more likely

Leaders and led

From Mr D. G. R. Bentliff

Sir, Is Mary Ann Sieghart (article, November 6) right to say that those with a younger inner age "follow fashion and would hate to be thought conventional"? Don't the conventional follow, whilst the unconventional lead, fashion?

Yours faithfully. DAVID BENTLIFF. 5 Eversley Road, SE19 3PY. November II.

C for clarity?

From Mr Kevin Newson

Sir, I have always used the phonetic alphabet for addresses and postcodes as necessary for clarity on the phone.

but this is not always appreciated.

This morning 1 received technical product information on the subject of air purification from a firm in Essex. It arrived promptly despite being addressed to "Hotel Bravo".

Yours faithfully, KEVIN NEWSON. 20 Church Lane, W5 5HB. November 10.

privatisation easing the burden on the

From Dr Hannes W. Kleineke

Sir, The Royal Mail's - or is it Professor Black's - view of the past 1,000 years of British history, as represented on the recently launched millennium stamps (report, November 13), is oddly our of balance. It is striking that only six out of 48 stamps celebrate individuals, events or achievements dating from the first 500 years of the present millennium,

1,000 years on the

back of a stamp

while more than twice as many represent the 20th century. Even the choice of themes representing the medieval period is strange: one of the few individuals honoured is Robert the Bruce, but he appears under the heading of "Soldiers' tale". While Robert's military achievements are not to be denigrated, he seems a peculiar choice to stand for the whole of medieval warfare, if that is the intention. Might I tentatively suggest that he is being included as a token gesture to Scottish national senti-

ment? While Dr Who and Bobby Moore are characters familiar to the present generation, their cultural significance compared with some of the great works of medieval art which could have been celebrated (Chaucer, or manuscript illumination, to name just

two possibilities) is surely limited. Do the last 98 years really sum up and subsume most of the preceding

which offer the elector a choice between voting for their party or for their preferred candidate, would at least be an improvement on the Yours faithfully, Covernment's proposal and would go HANNES KLEINEKE, a long way towards meeting the 17F Cherry Orchard. Staines, Middlesex TW18 2DE. hkleinek@histparl.ac.uk November 13.

> From Dr Richard Marshall Sir, I noted with interest that nuclear power did not make it as a millenni-

um tale. Yours sincerely, RICHARD MARSHALL (Head of physics). Oakham School. Oakham, Rutland LEI5 6QT. rm@oakham.rutland.sch.uk November 13.

Battle of Waterloo

From Mr Alan Magrath

Sir, The French do not have to worry about past battles (letters, November 7 and 13). What matters is the present while they hurtle at 180mph on Eurostar through northern France. they have to slow to less than half that speed across the Channel because the English cannot be bothered to invest in their own country.

Yours sincerely.
ALAN MAGRATH. 7 Pageant Walk, Croydon CR0 5UG. alan_magrath@btinternet.com November 13.

From Mr Jack Owens

Sir, By jingo! Quel brouhaha! Surely the solution to the station-naming spat is for both termini to be renamed after respective national heroes -Wellington for ours in London, and Napoleon for theirs in Paris.

Yours faithfully, J. M. OWENS. 8 Park Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 2EU. November 10.

From Mr Kenneth W. F. Rich

Sir, Perhaps M Longuepée should arrange future visits to London so that he arrives at Victoria station - he will then be able, as he awaits his turn for a taxi, to admire the statue of that great Frenchman, Marshal Foch.

Sincerely, KENNÉTH W. F. RICH, Marylands, South Hill Avenue, Harrow on the Hill, HAI 3NZ. November 13.

From Mr Robert Wilton

Sir, The indispensable 1066 and all that reminds us that Richard the Lionheart travelled through France so often on his way to war that he was known as Richard Gare de Lyon.

Would it not avoid all difficulty if we were in future to ensure that all battles were fought at railway sta-

Yours faithfully, ROBERT WILTON. 67 St Peter's Street, Istington, NI &JR. November 13.

From Mr Gerald Vinestock

Sir, I don't mind if the French want to rename the Gare du Nord, but why "Fontenoy"? Wasn't he that little Lord chappy in the book by someone or

Yours faithfully, GERALD VINESTOCK, 2 Overhead Cottages, Capernwray, Carnforth, Lancashire LA6 IAD. November 13.

From Mr Neil Watts

Sir, How about renaming Waterloo Eau de toilette?

Yours. N. WATTS, 47 Kings Chase, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 IRQ. November 13.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 17: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning. Her Majesty held a Council at

6.15 pm.
There were present: The Rt Hon Margarei Beckett MP (President). the Lord Irvine of Lairg fLord Chancellor), the Ri Hon David Blunkett (Secretary of State for Education and Employment), the Rt Hon Andrew Smith MP (Minister of State, Department for Educa-

tion and Employment).
The Rt Hon Sir Anthony Clarke and the Rt Hon Sir Simon Tuckey were sworn in as Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. Mr Alexander Galloway was in

attendance as Clerk of the Council The Rt Hon Margaret Beckett MP had an audience of The Queen before the Council. The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP

(Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasuryl had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member, British Sub-Aq-

ua Club, this morning presented The Duke of Edinburgh's Prize at Buckingham Palace. His Royal Highness, Patron and Twelfth Man, presented the Lords Taverners Trophy at Buckingham

Palace. The Duke of Edinburgh, President and Honorary Life Fellow, Royal Society for the Eocourage ment of Arts, Manofactures and Commerce, this afternoon presented the 1998 Albert Medal at a Lunch at John Adam Street, Strand, London.

His Royal Highness, President, the English Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, later presented the 1998 Duke of Edinburgh English Language Book Competition Awards and the English Speaking Union English Language Awards and chaired a meeting of the English Speaking Union Language Committee at Buckingham Palace.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by General Sir Michael Walker (Aidede-Camp Generall at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of General Sir Harry Tuzo (formerly Aide-de-Camp Generall which was held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital. Chelsea, London, this morning.
The Duke of Keni was represent-

ed by Mr. Nicolas Adamson. The Lady Elton has succeeded Mrs. Robert de Pass as Lady in Waining to Her Majesty. CLARENCE HOUSE

November 17: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, Inns of Court and City Yeomanry, was entertained to Luncheon today by the Earl of Limerick and members of the Regiment at Armourers and Bra-siers' Hall. Mrs. Michael Gordon-Lennox

and the Hon Nicholas Assheton were in attendance.
Mrs. Michael Gordon-Lennox

has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty. ST JAMESS PALACE

November 17: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the Army Training Paginger 15 Training Regiment, Pirbright, Surrey, to meet participants in the Household Division Ethnic Minor

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Royal Opera, this afternoon re-ceived Sir Colin Southgate (Chair-The Prince of Wales this evening

attended the Annual Lecture of HRH The Prince of Wales Business and the Environment Programme at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, and afterwards held the Annual Dinner at St James's

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 17: The Duke of York this morning visited Gulf Harbour Country Club. Whangaparda. New Zealand.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the America's Cup Village, Viaduct Basin.

Having travelled by launch to the Royal New Zealand Yachi Squadron Headquarters at West-haven Marina, The Duke of York viewed the America's Cup and was entertained to Lunch in the Trophy

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner at Government House, Auckland, given by the Governor-General. November 17: The Prince Edward, Trustee. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this evening anended a Dinner for members of the Award's World Fellowship at Her Majesty's Tower of London and afterwards witnessed the Ceremony of the Keys. November 17: The Princess Royal this morning opened Haltwhistle Development Corporation's Rede-velopment Scheme at Haltwhistle Stadon and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant Northumberland (the Viscount Rid-

Her Royal Highness later visited ed Hexham Tans Rehabilitation Project, Hexham. The Princess Royal afterwards visited the new Stand at Hexham

Her Royal Highness, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this afternoon opened the Unicorn Centre, Stainton Way, Hernlington, Middlesbrough, and was received by Her Majesty's Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (the Lord Gisborough).

The Princess Royal, President, this evening attended the Riding for the Disabled Association Conference Dinner at the Civic Centre, Barras Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne, and was received by Colonel Hugh Brown (Vice Lord-Lieuten-ant of Tyne and Wear). KENSINGTON PALACE November 17: The Princess Marga-

ret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, this afternoon visited the Purine Research Laboratory, Thomas Guy House, Guy's Campus, King's College, Camberwell, South East London. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

November 17: Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Bethlem and Maudskey NHS Trust, this afternoon opened the Lishman Unit of the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, Camberwell, South East London.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Ke en by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, a World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health Management, at Chadwick Court, Hatfields, London.

Birthdays today The Right Rev Dewi Bridges,

Bishop of Swansca and Brecon. 05: Sir Kenneth Clucas, former civil servant, 77; Professor C.D. Cowan. former Director, School of Oriental and African Studies, 75; Lord Cullen, 63; the Rev V.H.H. Green, former Rector, Lincoln College, Oxford, 83; Mr David Hemmings, actor, director and producer, 57; Mr John Hosier, former Principal, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, 70; Sir Gordon Jewkes. former diplomat, 67; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, 75; Lord Mackenzie-Stuart, 74; the Earl of Malmesbury, 91; Mr Alan Pryce-

Jones, book critic, 90; Professo J.R. Quayle, FRS. former Vice-Chancellor, Bath University, 72: Mr Brian Quinn, former executive director, financial stability, Bank of England, 62; the Duke of Roxburghe, 44; Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, 71; Sir Tasker Watkins, VC, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 80.

Church news

Canon Peter Fearnley Hullah, Headmaster of Chetham's School of Music and Leasehold Canon of the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in Manchester, to be Bishop of Ramsbury (Salisbury).



show at the society's annual art market which opens today at the Festival Hall

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the Financial Services Authority building at 25, The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London El4, and meet FSA staff, industry practitioners and those involved in building the new office at 10.30; and they will be greeted in the City of Hondon by the Lord Mayor at Bankers Trust, I Appold Street, London EC2, at 11.25. The Queen will visit Merrill Lynch, 25 Ropemaker Street, London EC2, to meet staff working in foreign exchange. gilts and UK mergers and acquisi-tions at 11.35; and will visit Electra. 65 Kingsway, London WC2, to meet staff and investee companies at 12.20. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a lunch-eon given by the Financial Times at I Southwark Bridge, London SEI, at 12.50; and will visit the Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, London EC2, and meet the Governor and the Monetary Policy Committee at 2.30. Later they will eive a reception at Buckingham Palace to recognise the contribution of the financial services indus-

Kent will attend. The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Lloyds TSB Bank, 39 Threadnee-dle Street, and meet those involved in personal banking, insurance, business banking and Lloyds TSB Charitable Foundation and education, at 11.35; and will visit the Stock Exchange, Old Broad Street, London EC2 at 12.10. Prince Edward will attend the Royal Concert at the Festival Hall

try in the City of London at 6.30.

Prince Edward and the Duke of

at 7.20. The Princess Royal, president. Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend their National Conference and annual meeting at the Tyne Theatre, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne at 9.55. Later, as Chancellor, London University, she will attend the Founda-tion Day celebrations at Senate House, Malet Street, London WCl.

The Duke of Gloucester, president, the Britain-Nepal Society, will attend the annual meeting followed by dinner at the Royal Nepalese Embassy, 12a Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8. at 6.10.

The Duke of Kent will visit the The Duke of Kent will visit the British Airways Maintenance facility at Cardiff International Airport at 10.30; will visit Barry College Maintenance Apprentice School, Colcot Road, Barry, at 11.15; and affiliated LTIV Males. Cultoschouse. will visit HTV Wales, Culverhouse

Will visit HTV Wales, Center to be Cross, Cardiff, at 2.00.
Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Hornsey Trust for Children with Cerebral Palsy, will visit the Conductive Education Centre, 54 Muswell Hill, London Nio, at 2.00.

Memorial service

Mervyn and Lady Davis, Lady Maynand.

Sir Michael Oswald, Lady McLeod, Sir Michael Howard (International Institute for Strategic Studies). Sir Michael Wright talso representing the Provost and Fellows of Oriel College, Orford), Lady Morony, Lady Bares, Lady Sharp, Lady Lea, Sir Clive Rose (Royal United Services Institute). Sir William van Straubenze, Sir David Hardy (National Martitime Moseum).

Meior General and Mrs. J. E Cordineley,

David 1000.

Mr R Crawford (Imperial War Museum), Colonel N G S Gray (Gardener)
Company), Mr. Michael Wynne-Parker
(Introcorn), Major John Sowder (representing the Master of Wellington College and the
Old Wellingtonian Society), Mr T Carter
(RHA Association), Colonel Philip Howes

(RELA ASSOCIABLE). Chairman, Orkence and Schrifty Forum. Mr Edmund de Rothschild (RAHF) and many other triends and former colleagues.

the guest of the Royal Auxiliary Air

Force Honorary Air Commodores

and the Inspector RAIXAF lunch-eon held yesterday at Swire House. Air Commodore Sir Adrian Swire

was the host. Air Commodore Lord

Monro of Langholm, Honorary

Inspector-General, RAUXAF, pre-

HM Government

Mr Peter Mandelson, Secretary of

Mr reter Manaceson, sections of State for Trade and Industry, yester-day presented an Honorary CBE on behalf of the Queen to Dr Robert William Dee at Admiralty House.

Service dinner

Royal Auxiliary Air Force Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Chief of the Air Staff, was

General Sir Harry Tuzo The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by General Sir Michael Walker, who also represented the Army Board. at a service of thanksgiving for the life of General Sir Harry Tuzo held yesterday in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. The Duke of Kent was represent-

ed by Mr Nicolas Adamson.
The Right Rev Peter Nott,
Bishop of Norwich, officiated, ssisted by the Rev Tom Hiney, Chaplain. Rosie Garthwaite, granddaughter, read I am ready to depart by Walter Savage Landor and William Garthwaite, grandson, read Psalm 84. Field Marshal Lord Vincent of Coleshill, Master Gunner, Si James's Park, also representing the Order of the Bath, read the collects. Lord Chalfont gave an address.

The Rev Alan Bell, Rector of

Fakenham, was robed and in the sanctuary. Lord Bramall, KG, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, attended. The Commanding Officer and All Ranks IRHA was represented by Major R.J. Whiteway. Among others present were: way, Altiong differs present were lady Tizo below, Sir Mark and Lady Carthwaite (son-in-law and daughter), Jenima Garthwaite (son-in-law and daughter), Jenima Garthwaite (son-idaughter), Mr and Mrs Craubiard Mahony, Sir Parick and Lady Gillam, Mrs S C F Allen, Mr Michael Allen, Mr and Mrs P Bulley, Lady Chalford, Mr John Garthwaite and other members of the family.

the family.

The Right Rey Michael and Mrs Mann.
Admiral of the Fleet Lord and Lady
Hill-Norton, Field Marshal Lord Carver,
Marshal of the RAF Lord and Lady Craig of
Radley, Lady Vincent of Colestifit, Lord and
Lady Hastings, Lord Blaker, Sir Frank and
Lady Cooper, Lady Olga Mantland, the Hon
Sir Nicholas Hill-Norton, Brigadier Sir
Jeffrey Darell.

Jeffrey Darell.

Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael and Lady Beetleam, Field Marshal Sir John and Lady Samier, General Sir Martin and Lady Parndale, General Sir Robert and Lady Ford, General Sir David and Lady Frascr. General Sir Brian Kenny Igovernor, Royal Hospital Chelseal, General Sir John Lear-mont, General Sir Richard Trant, General Sir Ceol Blacker (Order of the Bath). General Sir Charles and Lady Harington,

Dinner

Shrievalty of Greater Loodon The Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall were the guests at a dinner given in their honour by the High Sheriff and Mrs John Gough on behalf of the Shrievalty of Greater London at Fishmongers' Hall last night. The High Sheriff and Lord Bramall, KG, were the speakers. Among others present were:

Former High Sheriffs and those in nomination and immediate past and present Under Sheriffs and their ladies, General Sir Anthony and Lady Farrar-Hockley, General Sir Peter and Lady de la Billiere, Mrs Anthony Everett, Mr Thomas Everett and the Clerk to the Lieutenancy and Mrs Gordon-Smith.

General Sir George Cooper, General Sir Michael Wilkes, General Sir Edward and Ludy Burgess, General Sir Richard Worsley, General Sir James Glover, General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson. Patrick Howard-Dobson.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis and Lady Hodges, Licaneman-General Sir James and Lady Baird, Licaneman-General Sir John Richards, Licaneman-General Sir John Richards, Licaneman-General Sir John Richards, Licaneman-General Sir Maurice Johnston, Air Marshal Sir Timothy Garden, Rear-Admiral Sir Richard and Lady Trowhridge, Major-General Sir Michael, Palmer, Sir Micrym and Lady Davis, Lady Maynard, Sir Michael Oswald, Lady Mel and Sir band.

Reception

Maritime Foundation Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

Luncheons

limm van Straubenzee, Sar Lawa raardy (National Maritime Museum).

Majer-General and Mrs J E Cortingley, Major-General C G Cornock, Major-General and Mrs J & Cortingley, Major-General and Mrs B & Davis, Major-General and Mrs B W Davis, Major-General and Mrs B J Glover, Major-General and Mrs L Major-General and Mrs W D Maghem, Major-General and Mrs W D Maghem, Major-General and Mrs L H Plummer, Major-General and Mrs L H Plummer, Major-General and Mrs M C M Steele, Major-General and Mrs M C M Steele, Major-General and Mrs P T Tower, Major-General and Mrs P C P Stone,
Brigadier Mijes Reinhols, Brigadier H S Commerce Dr Conrad Strauss was the guest and MIS G H WAIKHIS, MAJOF GENERAL AND MIS A C P SAINE.

Brigadier Miles Reinholt, Brigadier H S Langstaff (McKinsey & Company), Brigadier P J F Fainter (Regimental Secretary, Royal Artillery), Brigadier M G Douglas-Withers (director, Royal Artillery) and Mis J Hardstaff, Colonel Norman Davies, Major Rosenney Warne, Major and Mrs R M Hadfield, Mr Frank Giles, Mr Trevar Evans, Mr Anthony Bianco, Mr Robert Hohler, Mr and Mrs P R Spendlove, Professor and Mrs B R Burgess, Mr J Granter, Mr David D'Ambromenti, Mrs Jom Mallest, Mrs Nigel Hodges, Mr D Garnier, Mr David D'Ambromenti, Mrs J K I Douglas-Withers, Mr F R Goodenough, Mrs Tessa, Reinholt, Mr R G Tooth, Mr David Tooth.

Sir John Weston, returning British Ambassador to the United Nations, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of The Pilgrims held yesterday at the Reform Club. Mr Robert Worcester, chairman, and the Hon Peter Jay were the

Mr John R. Bolton, Senior Vice-President of the AM prise Institute for Public Policy search, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the Mid-Atlanoc Club at Dart mouth House yesterday. Mr Walter Lessing, chairman of the club,

Armourers &

Brasiers' Company The Amourers & Brasiers' Company 1998 entry scholarships to Students taking Materials Science degrees have been awarded to Caroline Alderman (Bath University). Robert Smith and Stephen Tuppen (University of Wales. Swanseal, Marie Bott and Clint Fontaine (Sheffield Hallam University) and Michael Cowley (Birmingham University).

versityl.

The company's Materials Science Research Bursaries have been awarded to James Chisholm and Noel Rutter (Cambridge University) and Sophie Gledhill (Oxford University)

Service luncheon

lans of Court and City Yeoman Oueen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Honorary Colonei of the lnns of Court and City Yeomanry, attended a luncheon with serving and past officers and warrant officers resterday at Armourers' Hall. She was received by Mr John Hale, Master of the Company of Armourers & Brasiers, and the Earl of Limerick, Squadron Honorary Colonel and Sponsor Officer of the

President of the Mariome Foundation, presented the 1998 Desmond Wettern Maritime Media Award to Mr Michael Evans, Deience Editor of The Times, at a reception held last night on board HQS Wellington. The award sponsors. including The Daily Telegraph. senior naval officers and members of the media and maritime industries were among those present.

Canada-UK Chamber of

of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held vesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Colin Parsons, president of the chamber, was in the chair. The Deputy High Commissioner for Canada and Lord St John of Blesso were among those present. The Pilgrims

Mid-Atlantic Club

presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr K.J. Angelini-Horll and Miss R. Deacon The engagement is announced berween Kieran, younger son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Angelini-Huril. of London. SWI. and Rebecca. eldest daughter of Mr Charles Deacon, of Newcastleunder-Lyme. Staffordshire, and Mrs David Skinner, of Estoril.

Mr J.G. Auldjo Jamiesoo and Miss S.L. Pym

and Miss S.L. Pym
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Mr Jerry Jamieson and of Lady Mariegold Jamieson of Chelsea, SW3, and Serena, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Pym, of Barnfield, Charing, Kent. Mr P.L. Backwell and Miss K.L. Dewar

The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Backwell, of Geelong, Victoria, Australia, and Kate, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Dewar, of London Mr P.D. Betts

and Miss D.A. Boysen The engagement is announced between Paul, son of the late Mr and Mrs F.D. Betts, of Cheisea. London, and Dagmar, daughter o Mr W. Boysen and Mrs G. Boysen, both of Hamburg.

Mr P. Couch and Miss E. Cardwell Moore The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs Leonard Couch, of

Plympton. Devon, and Emity, elder daughter of Lieutenani Colonel and Mrs Patrick Cardwell Moore, of Perthshire, Scotland. Mr A.W. Friedlein

and Miss A.K. King
The engagement is announced
between Ashley William, eldest
son of Mr and Mrs F.W. Friedlein, of Westerfield Court, Ipswich, and Annabel Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J.G. King, of The Bury Farm, Hertingfordbury. Mr N.C. Howson and Miss D.E. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Calcina, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard M. Howson, of Montreal, Canada. and Dana Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Kirkland Cooper, of Hamilton, Bermuda. and Miss S.E.J. Bowden

The engagement is announced between Clive, younger son of Mr and Mrs Denis Johnson, of Bentworth, Hampshire, and Sarah daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Bowden, of Emsworth, Hampshire. Mr R.L. Lee

and Miss H. Withmall The engagement is announced between Roger, youngest son of Dr Geoffrey Alan Lee and the late Mrs Muriel Lee, of Thurgarton, Notinghamshire, and Helen, only

daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Withnall, of Kirklington, Nottinghamshire. Mr J.H.H. Tillyard and Miss H.P. Scott The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs William Tillyard, of Dinas

Powys, Glamorgan, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Scott, of Staunton-on-Wye, Here-

between Robert, son of Mr P. Matthews, of Windermere, and Mrs Ann Dyke, of Arkholme, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Oliver Turnbull, of Wickham Market Irecendy of Windermerel.

The engagement is announced

Mr R. Matthews and Miss S. Turnbuil

and Miss J.M. Codrington The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of the late Mr Spiro Samios and of Mrs Maria Samios, of Bellevue Hill, Sydney, and Joanna Mary, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs Christopher Codrington. of Wroughton, Wiltshire.

Mr J.A. Tolhursi and Miss S.A. Pearl The engagement is announced between Julian. only son of Mr and Mrs W.J. Tolhurst, of Langham Hall. Esser, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and

Mrs J.W. Pearl, of Stanford Rivers, Essex. Mr M. Whitcombe and Miss F. Dimmock

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Whiteombe, of Marden. Herefordshire, and Freya, youngest daughter of Mr Peter Dimmock, of Windlesham Park, Surrey, and the late Mrs Dimmock (Polly Elwes). Mr M. Wood

and Miss C.F. Bourne The engagement is announced between Miles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Wood, of Ross on Wye, Hereford and Worcester, and Wye, riereioro and worcester, and Clarissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Siephen Bourne, of Lye Green, East Sussex.

Marriages Mr J.E.F. Gouriel

and Miss J. Lowsley-Williams The marriage took place on Saturday. November 14, at the Parish Church of Si Mary the Virgin, Tetbury between Mr James Gouri et, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Gouriet, and Miss Joanna Lowsley-Williams, younger daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs David Lowsley-Williams. The Rev John Hawthorne officiated, Father Bede Bailey, OP, gave the address. The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Saskia Robertson, Emily, Kače, James and Luke Lowsley-Williams, Frances Taylor, Oscar Dent and John Dent Mr James Cayzer-Colvin was best A reception was held at . Chave-

nage, the bride's home and the honeymoon is being spent Scotland. Mr N.S. Molden and Miss H.E. Whiticar

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 7, at Winchester Cathedral, of Mr Nick Molden, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Nigel Molden, of Jordans, Buckingham-shire, 10 Miss Helen Whiticar, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Whiticar, of Winchester, Hampshire. The Rev Dr Peter Lippiett officiated. The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Rebecca Whiticar, Miss Charlotte Woodhouse and Alice Woodhouse. Mr Simon Molden was best man. Marcel Proust, novelist, Paris,

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Carl Maria von Weber,

composer, Eutin, Germany, 1786; Louis Jacques Daguerre, painter and pioneer of photography. Cor-meilles. France, 1789; Sir William Gilbert, collaborator with Sir Arthur Sullivan In the Savoy operas, London, 1836; George Gallup, pioneer of public epinion polls, Jefferson, lowa, 1901: Sir Alec Issigonis, designer of the Mini car, Smyrna, Turkey, 1906. DEATHS: Reginald Pole, Arch-bishop of Canterbury 1556-58, London, 1558; Charles Heath, engraver, London, 1848; Capiain George

Manby, inventor of lifesaving apparatus, at sea. Yarmouth, 1854; Edward Forbes, naturalist. Wardic, near Edinburgh, 1854: Chester Arthur, 21st American President 1881-85, New York, 1886;

1022; Thomas Power O'Connor. ournalist and politician, London, 1929: Walter Hermann Nernst. physicist, Nobel laureate 1920, Muskau, Germany, 1941; John Watson, Australia's 1st Labour Prime Minister 1904, Sydney, 1941; Paul Eluard, poet, Charenton-le-Pont, 1952; Niels Bohr, physicist, Nobel laureate 1922, Copenhagen, 1962: Man Ray, photographer, painter and filmmaker, 1976. William Caxton issued his first dated, printed book, 1477. St Peter's Church in Rome was consecrated, 1626. A fire at King's Cross, the worst in A nre at kings Cross, the worst in the history of the London Underground, killed 31 people, 1987. The British hostage Terry Waite was released by the pro-tranian Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, 1991.

PERSONAL

ALENCAR - On November 13th at The Portland Hospital to Ana Beatriz Ince Fernandes Castrol and Alex. a daughter. Ticiana. CARDOE - On 8th November to Rosie (neé Pack) and Nicholas, o son, Louis

COLLYNS - On November 6tl

COLLYNS - On November 6th to Lucy Constants and Bayly, a son, Robert Andres.
COOMBS-TERMANT - On 30th October 1998, to Sue Inde Stortl and Charles, a daughter, Harriet Dalsy (to be known as Daisy), a sister 10 Oliver and Toby. DARLINGTON - On November 18th 1998, to Marie-Alice Ince Lecteric) and Richard, a son, Henry.

HALL-TAYLOR - On November 15th 1998 to Clare (née Cousins) and Michael, a daughter, Anna Emzaseta. 1998: to Sybille (ase da Villenfagne da Vogelsancki and Julian, a con Oliver William.

son, Oliver William Needbam, o brother for Elinor and Laura Elinor and Laura.

HOLDEN - On 30th October to Potricia and Richard, a daughter, Anne-Claire Elizabeth, a sister for Jeremy and Edward.

JENEONS - On Novamber 16th 1998, to Jane and Patrick, a daughter, Cara Louise Hope, a sister for Lucy and Calum.

1AYZELL-SMATH - On 25th

LAYZELL-SMITH - On 25th October to Brenda (née Mayling) and lan, o son, William Andrew Francia William Andrew Francis
MAY SOMERVELE - On
November 12th to Anne
(née Fraser) and William,
e daughter, Philippe. e daughter, Philippa.
SAIR. - On November 15th
at The Portland Hospital
to Iris (née Chan) and
Derek, a son, William, a
brother for Virginia.

RIRTHS

SCOTT-HEWITT - On November 15th at The Portland Hospital to Vicki and Tony, a daughter, Esme Florence. SPENCER - On November 10th at The Portland Hospital to Gail Rolfe and Gavin Spencer, a daughter, Georgia Eloise.

TENESBERG - Caroline Info Rogers) and Graham have great loy in announcing the birth of Victoria Emily Rose, on 8th November 1998, a sister for Sophia.

UNDERGEL - On November 10th 1998 to Nina (née Grunfeid] and Nicholas, a son, Thomas William Paul, a brother for Michael, Frances and Ursula.

WHELAN - On 14th November 1998 at Princes Anne, Hampshire, to Alison (nés Tredray) and Charles, a son, Conor Michael.

DEATHS

BECKER - Leon S. oo 13th
November 1998 after a
long illness gallantly
berna. Loved and missed
by his partner Doris Cole
Abrahams, Linda. Carole
and his many friends and
colleagues. Funeral will
take place on the 19th
November 1998 at Golders
Green Cramatorium, Hoop
Lane, NW11 at 11.45 am
(East Chapell. No flowers,
but if desired, donations
may be sent to the
imperial Cancer Research
Fund.

DEATHS

BEALE - Colin Langsford after a brief illness and a full and happy ille died November 7th aged 85. Greatly loved bushand of Sue and the late Muriei (née Dight), loyal and loving father to John. Robert, Elizabeth and Alisoo and devoted grandiather to their elever grandiather to their elever children and step-children. Cremation

children. Cremation
Service for family only
will be followed by a
Service of Thankagiving in
St Peter's Church.
Tiverton, Devon on Friday
November 20th at 2.30 pm.
No moutraing. Family
flowers only please, but
donastions to Childrens
Hospice South West c/o
Cross & Beale 18s. Fore
Street, Tiverton, Devon
EX16 GLH. EX16 6LFL

BLANDY - Bridget Elvira Inée Liddell), aged 50 years, peacefully on Saturday, 14th Novembe at The Royal Surrey County Hospital. Guildford, after a short illness. Dearly leved by Guildford, after a short illness. Dearly loved by her dwoghters Marths and Camilla, her five grandchildren and so many friends. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. Margarets Church, Coles Lene, Ockley, Surrey at 12pm on Thursday 28th November. Family flowers only, please, bet donations, if desired, to Cranleigh Cottage Hospital Leegue of Friends, or BSCH Charitable Fund IC Unit. c/o Cranleigh Funerals, Cranleigh.

CAMPRELL OF INVERNELL -Colin, on 12th November at Waithern, Mass., USA, aged 85. COMPTON MILER - Mary (née Baird-Smith), devoted widow of Sir John and beloved mother of Sylvia and Richard, died (née Baird-Smi percefully on 17th ember 1998, aged 84.

ie COSTA - Robert, widowe of Janie, died peacefully on 16th November at

on 16th November at Honeywood House Norsing Home. Loving father of Chris, Jenny, Nicky and grandfather to many, Funeral service Friday 20th November at Holy Trinity Church Rudgswick, West Sussex at 2,30pm.

DOUGHTY - Dennis William, died on November 18th 1998, at Cottenham Court Nursing Home. Much loved and missed by his wife and family. Requiem mass at St. Edmund's College Chapel Cambridge, on Saturday November 21st at 2.00 pm. Interment at St Mary's Church Over. Friends welcome afterwards at the family home.

DROVER - On November
15th peacefully after a
long illness, Charles
Bentram Drover T.D.,
P.A.H.S. A much loved
father, step-father and
husband. Funeral, 2.00p
Tuesday 24th November
Bourpeanouth Bournemouth Cremetorium, Pemily nowers only. Donations if desired to The Sue Ryder Home Nettlebed, Oxon. c/ Gesired to his six Noon of Home Nettlebed, Ozon of Colin Hayley Funeral Directors, 257 Lymington Road, Highellife, Christchurch BH23 5EB.

ELPHICK - On November
16th 1998, peacetally, G.
Manrice Elphick of
Farnham, Service of
Thomes-on-The Bourne
Church, Farnham, Survey,
on Toesday November
24th at 12 mon. Donations
for the British Heart
Foundation to ThomeLeggett, PotersBald Road.

FARGHER - Mary Inée
Weald), dearly loved wife
of Richard, died peacefully
in her sleep oo Saturday
November 14th 1998 aged
90 years. Service and
interment at Wolvercote
Cemetery, Banbury Road.
North Oxford on Thursday
November 19th at 2.30 pm.
Family flowers only
please, donations if
desired in sid of Help The
Axed, may be sent c/o

Aged, may be sent c/o Resves & Pain, 19 Fairfax Centre, Kidlington, Oxford, OX5 2PB.

GBSOW - Donald Jeffrey
MBE, Order of the Crown
of Thailand. On 14th
November 1998, in Chlang
Mai, Thailand aged 78.
Beloved husband of
Tuanjit and the late Mary
(note Emedan). A much
loved and respected
brother, father and
grandfather who will be
missed by his family and
many friends around the
world.

GOLEBOWSKI - Adam,
Virtuti Militari, FRCS, on
November 15th 1998, aged
84 pescefully at home after
a short illness. Formerly
Consultant Thoracic
Surgeon Preston Hall
Hospital, Aylesford Kens.
Dearly loved by Io for 22
years. Funeral Service to
take place on Friday 20th
November 8.30am at St.
Thomas More R/C Church,
West Malling, followed by
a committal at Vinters
Park Crematorium. a committal at Vinters Park Crematorium, Maidstons. Flowers or donations to the Biroke Association can be sent c/o Viner and Sons Ltd. 54 Righ Street, West Malling, Kent. 01732 842485.

GRIFFIN - Thomas (F.R.C.S.)
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SIR DAVID LANE

Sir David Lane, former chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality and Conservative MP for Cambridge, 1967-76, died on November 16 aged 76. He was born ou September 24, 1922.

avid Lane was the first chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE), a body which was established by the Labour Government in 1976 to combine the functions of the Race Relations Board and the Community Relations Commission. The aim of the new body was to make more efficient the work of its two predecessors in trying to improve race relations not only between immigrant and indigenous communities, but between immigrant communities themselves. The promise was that the CRE would have greater, more concentrated power than its predecessors, and that a whole range of issues, from consultation with community leaders to the investigation of racial discrimination practices whether in the workplace or society at large, would be tackled more vigorously than they had been before.

Though a Conservative — a party at that time seen as being less sympathetic to ethnic communities and their problems than the Labour Party - Lane was as well qualified for his task as any. As a constituency worker he had lived in North Kensington and had seen the effects of the Notting Hill race riots at close quarters. As a junior minister in the Conservative Government of 1970-74 he had been responsible for race relations.

Yet when he left his post in 1982 both he and his organisation were under a cloud. In 1981, under a successor Conservative Government which was by nature suspicious of anything that smacked of the quango, an all-party Home Affairs Com-mittee had delivered a stinging report on the CRE and the way it was run. Although Lane had come to the natural end of his period of tenure, it was widely felt that he would have remained in his post had the report not criticised him and his work so bitterly.

David William Stennis Stuart Lane was educated at Eton where he was a scholar and member of the cricket XI. He left Eton to go up to Cambridge where he read Classics. But war soon intervened and at the end of his first year he volunteered for the Royal Navy. Joining as an ordinary seaman, he subsequently obtained a commission and served until the end of the war in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic.

In 1945 he returned to Cambridge where he finished his degree, taking first class honours in Parts I and II of



Lane in 1977: he won the confidence of black community leaders

the Classical Tripos. After graduation he spent a year at Yale University, doing research as a Henry Fund Fellow.

In 1948 he joined the British Iron and Steel Confederation and, after a neriod at the Administrative Staff College at Henley-on-Thames, became its Secretary in 1956. In the meantime he had been called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1955. From 1959 to 1967 Lane was emploved at a senior level by the Shell International Petroleum Company.

Lane entered polides as a voluntary constituency worker, holding various posts in the North Kensington Conservative Association, including that of constituency chairman from 1961 to 1962. Living, as he did, in this constituency, he came face to face with racial problems and the first major eruption of violence at Notting Hill in 1958. Later, in the general election of 1964, he contested the

ic to their problems than the Labour Party. In 1972 and 1973 Lane was heavily involved in the task of re-settling East African Asians with British passports who had been summarily expelled from Uganda by Idi Amin. He won the confidence of the community leaders of the ethnic minorities of all races in Britain, while not in any way forfeiting the respect of his fellow Conservatives in Parliament. Lane fully supported the Race

or wrongly, regarded by ethnic

immigrants as being less sympathet-

Relations Act of 1976, which toughened the penaloes for unfair discrimination and then amalgamated the Race Relations Board and the Community Relations Commission into the Commission for Racial Equality. Although Lane's appointment to the post of chairman of the new body by the Home Secretary, Roy Jenkins, caused some surprise in certain quarters, he was well fitted for this new role. Nevertheless he was aware that to accept this appointment would mean resignation from his parliamentary seat and the end of his political career. Not surprisingly he cogitated for a week before accepting.

A lean and wiry man, Lane made it clear from the start that he was a tough and determined realist rather than a well-meaning liberal. But in the very nature of the beast his stewardship was dogged by problems from the start. There was controversy about the first attempts to fill posts in the commission, with complaints from the black community that there had been inadequate consultation about top appointments. At the same time Lane was subjected to a barrage of abuse — letters and phone calls - from white racists.

Legislation to empower the CRE to conduct formal investigations into the practices of particular organisations also attracted criticism. This came both from white conservatives who objected to what they saw as the interference of do-gooding noseyparkers, and from the ethnic communities who felt that additional powers given to the CRE would restrict their ability to run their social organistions as best suited their customs and traditions.

The police, too, had their say. James Anderton, then Chief Constable of Greater Manchester made a widely publicised call for the dismantling of Britain's "outmoded and expensive" race relations machinery. Individual politicians, especially those of the Right, continually criticised the CRE for straying from its remit of race relations into the political arena.

But more damaging than any of these accusations was the feeling that, whatever mistakes it made in carrying out its remit (and, given the colossal tasks facing it, it could hardly be blamed for that), the CRE could not even keep its own house in order. From 1979 onwards there were internal clashes arising from the new don policies, leading to legal arguments over whether the commission had the right to investigate the Immigration Service. In 1980, amid damaging publicity, four black and Asian commissioners lost their jobs on the CRE.

At the same time there was a growing feeling that the CRE was becoming top-heavy on bureaucracy and that its achievements - in terms of awarding grants for community projects, supporting ethnic sports clubs, contributing funds to interna-tional conferences — were becoming increasingly cost-ineffective. In April 1981, Charles Boxer, the CRE's director of community affairs and liaison, resigned, claiming that Lane could not understand the CRE's own reports and hardly ever acted on

atters came to a head that year when a House of Commons inquiry into the CRE reported that it had totally failed to do anything effective with the legal powers that had been granted to it: that in four years it had only completed a quarter of the reviews and investigations it had inidally announced - and that they were the least important ones. The committee's final observation was that, overail, the CRE was incompetent and wasteful.

Lane fought back at his critics. accusing them of being politically motivated and deliberately unsympathetic to the complexities and magnitude of the CRE's problems. Nevertheless, he retired from his post in the following year and was knighted in

It was not the end of his involvement in race relations. His advice continued to be sought on racial problems and when, in 1987, the Conservative Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, announced a special independent inquiry into the racial equality programme in schools in the London Borough of Brent, Lane was chosen to visit the borough to sound out parents and governors.

In retirement he also continued active in his local church and in youth work. From 1982 to 1987 he was chairman of the National Association of Youth Clubs. He continued to play cricket and always enjoyed a round of golf.

In 1955 Lane married Lesley Anne Mary Clauson. She and two sons

ALGIS ZHURAITIS

Algis Zhuraitis, conductor of the Bolshoi Ballet, died in Moscow on October 25 aged 70. He was born in Lithuania on July 27, 1928.

THE back of Algis Zhuraitis's head, with its mass of dark, wavy hair, became a welcome sight to audiences in Britain and elsewhere around the world as he took his place in the orchestra pit to conduct a performance by the Bolshoi Ballet. His presence ensured not only that the music would provide wonderfully effective support for the evening's danc-ing but that it would also match it in quality. The Bolshoi Theatre in Mos-

cow has long had a strong tradition of exceptional play-ing for its ballet. When the Russian company made its first visit to the West in 1956, it was the blind veteran conductor Yuri Faier who shared the acclaim with the ballerina Galina Ulanova at the historic opening performance of Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet, and his direction of the Covent Garden Orchestra in more familiar scores during the course of the season was a revelation after their frequenty lacklustre showing for the Royal Ballet.

Nor was Faier alone in achieving these high stand-ards. He alternated that season with the young Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, making his London debut, and when the even younger Zhuraitis joined them on the Bolshoi music staff soon afterwards, he did not let down the standard

Born in Raseinyai in Lithuania, Algis Martselovich Zhuraitis had graduated from the piano class of the Vilnius Conservatory in 1950 and had made his debut as a conductor at the Vilnius Opera the following year. A further year on, however, he moved to Moscow, becoming conductor of the Radio Symphony Orchestra and also attending N. P. Anosov's conducting classes at the Moscow Conservatory. His appointment to the

Bolshoi staff came in 1960, and over the years he was to direct a vast repertoire of both opera and ballet, as well as making regular appearances with symphony orchestras around the world.

Il was for his work with ballet, however, that he became most widely known and admired. Besides the standard repertoire, he co-operated with many choreographers on the preparation and premieres of their creations.

In particular, he worked with the long-term "tsar" of the Bolshoi Ballet, Yuri Grigorovich, on his new version of Swan Lake, on Ivan the Terrible to music by Prokofiev, on Angara, a modern subject with a score by Andrei Eshpai, and on a new treatment of Romeo and Juliet mounted for the Ballet of the Paris Opéra and subsequently transferred to Moscow.

Notable among the many other new productions with which Zhuraitis was associated in his career were Golei-



zovsky's Scriabiniana, the early Spartacus staged by Leonid Jacobson, Oleg Vinogradov's well-regarded historical drama Asel to music by V. Vlasov, Maris Liepa's reconstruction of Le Spectre de la Rose, Vladimir Vasiliev's Icarus (with music by Sergei Slonimsky) and the Prokofiev Lieutenant Kizhe, choreographed by Olga Tarasova and Alexander Lapauri. These and many others demanded from the conductor mastery of an extremely wide range of musical idioms and styles, and Zhuraitis gave every appearance of relishing the challenge.

Zhuraitis was awarded the title People's Artist of the Russian Republic in 1976. He is survived by his wife, the distinguished soprano Elena Obrachkova.

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MAJOR-GENERAL HARRY OWEN

Major-General Harry Owen, CB, Director of Army Legal Services, 1969-71, and Chairman of the NHS Medical Appeals Tribunal. 1972-84, died on October 26 aged 87. He was born on July 17, 1911.

HAD war not been declared in 1939, Harry Owen might well have begun his intended legal career very differently. He had taken a degree in philosophy at University College, Bangor, in 1934 and had completed his training as a solicitor in early 1939. But, with war clouds gathering, he accepted an emergency commission in The Oueen's Own Cameron Highlanders, with whom he served for three years before joining the military department of the office of the Judge Advocate General in 1943.

At the end of the war he did much work on preparation of papers for trials by British military courts of war criminals, including those arising from the notorious Ravensbruck concentration camp.

His early service on the JAG's staff was with the Canadians, with 21st Army Group and in West Africa Command before going out to the Middle East and then East Africa Command, where he was granted a regular commission after the war. He undertook many court-martial prosecutions and proved him-self to be a fair-minded prosecutor, if one with terrier-like persistence.

His decision to stay on in the



Owen: relished the varied challenges of Army legal work

Army instead of returning to his original career was surpris-ing to some. He was a quiet, devoted family man, always courteous, with a nice sense of humour. He was also extremely thorough, with an eye for detail. He had a reputation, which even in old age he never lost, of being a dapper individual whose turnout was always immaculate, with a touch of individualistic originality about it. His well-tailored battle dress, for instance, was

of a shade of green not worn by other officers of the Army Legal Services.

His reason for not returning to civilian practice was simple: he had enjoyed the wide challenges he had experienced during the war and in its immediate aftermath. Staying on in the Army Legal Services. he took part in the many crises during the withdrawal from Empire and the development of the Cold War.

He served in the Middle

East, 1947-50; Austria, 1952-53; the Far East, 1960-62; and BAOR, 1962-67. Promoted brigadier in 1965, he exercised a firm and thoroughly professional command of all BAOR's legal staffs at a ome when they were grossly overstretched, prosecuting by court martial every crime in the criminal calendar from murder downwards. In his supervision, he demonstrated his skills as a first-class criminal lawyer and man-manager. Moreover, his advocacy before the General Staff won the necessary increases in establishment and a consequent improvement of morale.

He reached the zenith of his military career in 1969 as Director and professional head of Army Legal Services. His officers in distant parts of the world were aware of his firm hand on the tiller. He was a deeply compassionate and tolerani man, but there could never be any doubt that he meant what he said, as the incorrigibly idle or merely incompetent soon found out.

After he retired in 1971 and had been appointed CB for his services, he made a great success of his 12 years as chairman of the NHS Medical Appeals Tribunal, 1972-84. He took much pride in the hu-mane handling and settlement of the many claims for children whose health had been seriously damaged by various vaccinations.

He married Maureen Summers in 1952. She and their son and daughter survive him.

THE ROYAL FILM PERFORMANCE

The King and Queen went to see a special performance last night at the Odeon Cinema, Marble Arch, in aid of the Cinematograph Trade Benevolent fund. The film was The Forsyte Saga, and it was followed by a stage show in which British and American film

After the white lights and the cheerful din outside, the waiting auditorium was decorously dim until their Majesties appeared, when floodlights in the proscenium wall suddenly illuminated the front of the balcony, the company rose and clapped, and the band played the National Anthem.

The after-piece itself began as a pantomime, with one of those casts producers assemble in their dreams — Miss Jean Simmons as Cinderella, Mr Richard Attenborough as Buttons, Miss Moira Lister as the youngest and pretnest of Fairy Godmothers, and Sir Ralph Richardson as the Demon King momentarily assuming, for no good purpose, the semblance of Sir Ralph Richardson. This Cinderella's delights were exclusively modern. Instead of a ball she went to a party. It was a very good party, well planned and carried off well. Miss Rosalind Russell

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The Royal Family have not always had the best of luck when faced with the film chosen for them; The Forsyte Saga with Errol Flynn as Soames Forsyte might raise an eyebrow, but the stage show that followed gave great pleasure.

mediated between Mr Michael Wilding and Mr Gregory Peck in a little confusion of language. Mr Anton Keras played the zither. as he does in The Third Man. Mr John Mills made a public speech. Mr Alec Guinness acted. Miss Greer Garson and Mr Walter Wanger were Mr and Mrs Miniver with a difference. It was, in short, an affair that delighted the audience, and would have seemed very heaven to the eager and fascinated throng outside.

Naturally enough before The Forsyte Saga was shown anticipation was tinged with some

misgivings. Miss Greer Garson, well, yes: Mr Walter Pidgeon. perhaps; but it was difficult to imagine how Mr Errol Flynn would fit into the period and the easte of which Galsworthy wrote. Even those who most underrate Galsworthy would acknowledge the value of his greatest work as a guide to the life and mentality of a certain social class at a certain period in English history. "The given proposition was, that we were all good people". The words are not Galsworthy's, but they may stand as representative of the Forsytes, and the question as to how this "given proposition" would be reflected on the screen remained.

The answer must be as well as can be expected considering the variety of accents, the fact that few of the players bear any physical resemblance to the characters as Galsworthy's readers imagine them, and what appears to be deliberate wilfulness in the casting. Mr Flynn is asked to play, of all people, Soames, and, considering the natural handicaps he has to overcome, he does surprisingly well; when he does fail, it is not for want of trying. Miss Garson has a great deal to do as Irene, but somehow the graciousness and charm are lacking, and Mr Pidgeon, as young Jolyon, has the ungrateful task of popping in and out and acting as a kind of commentator on the protracted proceedings.



NEWS

Left-wing manifesto for Europe

■ Britain is to join France, Germany and eight other European Union countries in a left-wing policy manifesto that commits the Government to common cause with the states inside the monetary union.

Uniting in a single manifesto, the social democrat parties that now dominate the EU are to pledge themselves to coordinate economic policies for growth, including a push for ...Page 1 harmonising taxes.

Peers again reject closed poll plan

■ The House of Lords yesterday staged a huge display of defiance against the Government when peers rejected for a fourth time plans to restrict voter choice in the European elections. The peers insisted they had the right to ask the commons to think again

School battle

Britain's few remaining grammar schools will face an annual battle for survival under government regulations approved by MPs last night Page I

Treasure hunt sham

When a man called Stuart Pendragon walked into his civic offices and said he was a long-lost brother of Prince Charles who needed permission to dig up a traffic island to find treasure, what did the council chief do? He gave it to him Page 3 Parkinson drug ban

A drug for treating Parkinson's disease has been withdrawn after three patients died of liver disease. The European Commission has requested that member states suspend the use of Tasmar, made

New Zealand tragedy

A British woman has been swept to her death off a remote stretch of the north-eastern New Zealand coast after she and her husband lost their four-day battle to steer their damaged yacht through stormy seas Terriers overhaul

Many of Britain's famous regiments, such as the Green Howards, the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters will be cut back in the restructured and reduced Territorial Army an-

Drug advice blast

Head teachers yesterday criticised the Government's call for leniency over pupils caught with drugs as Estelle Morris, the Schools Minister, defended her advice not to adopt a "zero tolerance" approach

Dinosaur skin found

Scientists have for the first time discovered perfectly preserved baby dinosaur skin, fossilised in eggs at an ancient nesting site. The site in Patagonia was evidently used by dinosaurs 70 to 90 million years agoPage 9

Human 200 inquiry A report in The Times exposing a

"human zoo" camp in Thailand, where 21 children from a longnecked Burmese hill tribe were kept on show for tourists, forced a Thai Government inquiry that led to its closure, a northern Thailand court heardPage 11 **US blamed for unrest**

In a blistering attack on the United States for inciting political dissidence, the Malaysian Government said that Washington would shoulder the blame for any further street protests Page 12

Moulin death claim

Jean Moulin, the French Resistence hero who died after being tortured by the Gestapo in 1943, fell into the hands of the Germans because of bungled nounced by George Robert- American espionage and not ...Page 6 resistence treachery Page 13

Silver surfers dominate the Net

Britons are increasingly turning off the television and turning to the home computer, which can now be found in one in four households. Among the keenest are computer users over 60, who have earned the nickname "silver surfers" by spending ten hours a week at the keyboard, three hours longer than average



More than 163 trees have swapped foliage for foil in the Beyeler Foundation's Wrapped Trees exhibition in Riehen, Switzerland

BUSINESS

Pensions: Shareholders of insurance companies involved in pensions mis-selling should bear a substantial share of compensation costs, says the Treasury Select CommitteePage 23

Shanghai express: Fierce rivalry between Virgin Atlantic and British Airways is flaring up again as they vie to be first to fly from London to Shanghai

News at Ten: Thirty of the UK's largest advertisers have put their weight behind the plan by the ITV companies to move News at .. Page 23

Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 7.8 to 5502.7. The sterling index rose to 100.9 from 100.8, with the pound rising 0.03 cents to \$1.6758 and 0.48 pfennigs to DM2.7972 Page 26

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SPORT

Football: Leading clubs have accepted Uefa's proposals for a 32team European Champions' League, which they want to start next season . Page 44

THE TIMES TODAY

Cricket: John Crawley will be fit if selected by England for the first Test against Australia in Brisbane but Michael Atherton will only be selected if fit Page 39

Athletics: Thirty years after winning an Olympic gold medal, David Hemery has been voted into the most powerful post in British ... Page 44

Simon Barnes: The jockey's desire to win is the final ingredient in the preparation of a racehorse to win a race. A jockey who gets a reputation as a softie will find himself unemployed Page 42

ARTS

Saint George: The actor George Clooney knows how fickle fame and fortune can be - but with his new movie Out of Sight he thinks he has cracked it.

Feast of faith: You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy the fast and furious pace of the performers at the London International Jewish Music Festival. ..Page 32

Take a bow: This week sees the publication of two remarkable books that between them pay handsome tribute to the matchless craft of the great Cremonese violinmakers ..Page 33

Musical trees: Stephen Sondheim's Into the Woods gets the intimate Donmar treatment, but Benedict Nightingale gets lost in the undergrowth ...

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

Jean Reno (and Robert

The intriguing history of

the sex aid. Plus Elaine

Jacobs, Elisabeth Luard

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DeNiro) in Ronin, a

French crime thriller

FILMS

BOOKS

Geoff Brown sees

THE PAPERS The deal negotiated by eight state

attorneys general and the tobacco industry would do far too little to combat teenage smoking, the primary goal that any legal settlement should advance. Instead, this proposal is mostly a financial agreement in which the companies would pay off state lawsuits for Medicaid costs incurred for smoking-related diseases. The states that were not at the negotiating table have been given until Friday to accept the settlement. That is an unreasonably short time for the public to review a deal of this magnitude. At a minimum, there needs to be opportunity for comment and input from health experts.

FEATURES :

Robobabes: Making robots look

more like babies in need of nurture

The late William: A style expert is

giving William Hague a makeover.

Corporate America: "Hi, Im Pen-

ny," says our guide as we sit down.

"I'm a trained nurse and I'm now

working in corporate America!" Jo-

anna Coles has a hospital

HOMES

Street cred: A telling index of

change in the housing market is

provided by a quiet street in Chel-

But is he too late ...

"moment"...

The New York Times

RADIO & TV

Preview: loan Gruffyd returns as C.S. Forester's naval hero. Hornblower (ITV, 8pm) Review: Joe Joseph on a intimate glimpse into Saddam's Iraq Pages 46, 47

OPINION

Brown's back door

On matters of tax policy, a vital British interest, Gordon Brown has shown himself ready to sell the EU pass. Where stands the Prime Minister? In the dark? Or in his Chancellor's shadow? Page 19

Let the people choose Tony Blair made trust a central issue at the general election. He should trust the people, and leave them with the power to choose which individuals they send to the European Parliament Page 19

Granny's mouse

Granny is a whizz when it comes to mice and megabytesPage 19

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

What is the point of the bloodcurdling threats against a man who has broken his word at least six times, only to let him do so again? If Britain and America wanted to send the famous "bombing message", last Sunday was the .. Page 18

BRONWEN MADDOX

No one would begrudge New Orleans its new serenity, but the iails are stuffed full and the children are under curfew. These emergency measures cannot last forever.... **ALAN COREN**

So the credit card promised that it would say more about us than cash ever could. For it had concluded that what we most wanted the world to say about us was that we had so much money that we didn't need money at all Page IS

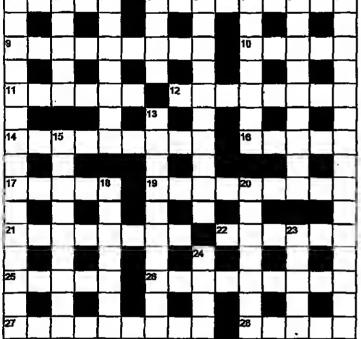
OBRUARIES

Sir David Lane, former Conservative MP and chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality; Major-General Harry Owen, Director of Army Legal Services, 1969-71; Algis Zhuraitis. Bolshoi Ballet conductor.....

EFFERS.

Drugs in schools: London Tube fares; millennium stamps; battle over Waterloo station; closed-list voting system: Russian mass

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Solution to Puzzle No 20,951

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 Mysterious vessel at Land's End

Variant one century old could be found in such a collection (10). 6 Action against workers philos-opher pronounced unacceptable (4-3).

7 Type who eats fole gras made from high-quality liver (3,6). 8 It's not so attractive as a habit getting drunk (3,5,3.4).

13 Who is, possibly, attached to male in republic? (10). 15 Achieving good results with the box camera (9). 18 Writer, female (7).

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☐ This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 6 of the 15 competitors in the National Final of the 1998 Times Crossword Championship

Times Two Crossword, page 44

General: in E parts of Scotland and England frost and patchy fog slowly lifting, then hazy sunshine Scotlish Glens will start very cold and may stay below freezing all day. Midlands, most of N England cold, largely dry, weak sunshine. SW Scotland, Wales. W Country cloudy with rain and hit-snow petering out. Intermittent rain in N freland; west brighter leter. Tonight, trosty again in E. Scotland and E and SE England.

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London, SE, Cent S England, Channel Ist frosty start, fog patches slowly lifting to leave writry surshine. Cloud will increase. Light, vanable winds. Max 8C (48F).

E Anglia, Midiands, E, Cent N, NE England: fine and cold with frost early and late. Light var wind. Max 6C (43F).

SW England, Wales: mostly dry, cloudy; brightness in east but light rain in west. Light to mod SE winds. Max 9C (48F).

NW Eng, Lakes: cloudy; rain in W; bright in E. Light/mod SE wind. Max 6C (43F).

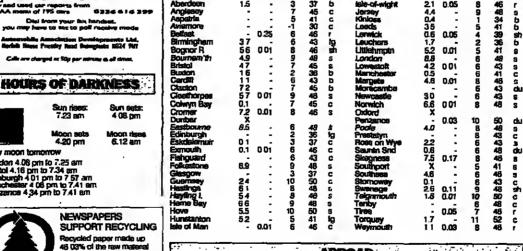
□ IoM: dry for a while; cloudy with rain returning. Mod SE winds, Max 9C (48F).
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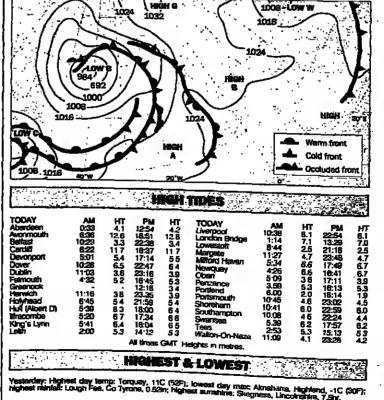
Rep of Ireland: rain dying out. Brighter in west, Light S wind. Max 10C (50F).

☐ Outlook: cent and E areas dry at first with overnight tog and frost then less cold with rain. Rain in W and NW tomorrow; dry on Fri.



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ECONOMICS

Janet Bush says doomsday danger is not yet averted

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Clare Burt scares up a storm for Sondheim

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the world's largest debtor nation to

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Hemery assumes position of power in British athletics

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BUSINESS

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London close...... \$294.65 (\$294.65) denotes midday trading prices

Instant decline

A fall in sale of Instants brought Camelot's first fall in

profits. However the amount it gave to good causes in the 24

weeks to September 30 rose to

£696 million - £200,000 more

than in the same period last

Phone shortage

Chris Gent, chief executive of

Vodasone, gave warning that

there had been such a rush to buy mobile phones there was

a danger of a shortage of hand-

sets this Christmas. His com-

ments were backed up by ri-

vals who pointed to the suc-

cess of new pay as you talk schemes. Page 25

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stands the Prime Min Page 19 Let the people choose BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft Wair made trust a central general election. He

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18 1998

Fed cuts US rates to 4-year low

By Alasdair Murray **ECONOMICS** CORRESPONDENT

THE Federal Reserve last night reduced US interest Point of the blood to ward off the impact of the clobal financial turmoil. ates to their lowest level in

against a man us word at leas ier him do so The Fed said it was reducand America ing its key Fed Funds by a because almough the in rekets had been quietes weeks, "unusual strains Раде в remained".

It was the third time the six weeks including an emer-Tip build gency quarter-point cut last month. Although the cut had These to been anticipated it helped Wall Street to recover from Page

early losses.
The move came as the Organisation for Economic Coperation and Development talled on member countries to reduce interest rates rapidly to head off the threat of a full-blown global recession. The OECD claims in its au-

tumn Economic Outlook that although there are signs financial markets are stabilising, considerable risks remain. It singles out Japan's inability to revive its moribund economy and the fact that the rebound in world share prices has left markets

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

JAPAN yesterday suffered the ignominy of losing its prime credit status, a move that left the embarrassed Gov-

ernment barely able to conceal its fury.

cv. said it was lowering its rating on Ja-

pan's sovereign debt and foreign cur-rency ceiling from the top notch AAA

to AAI. Japan now joins Canada and

Italy as the only G7 countries that do

Moody's, the US credit rating agen-

looking overvalued again. It also warns the Bank of England against delaying further rate cuts, claiming that the fears about wages pressures have been exaggerated.
The OECD predicted that

Britain is facing a sharper economic slowdown than either the Bank or the Treasury are anticipating, but stopped short of forecasting

the Japanese Government, coming just

a day after it announced a huge stimu-

lus package to try to kick-start its mori-

bund economy and ahead of tomor-

row's meeting with President Clinton. Eisuke Sakakibara — the Vice-Fi-

nance Minister for International Af-

fairs who is dubbed "Mr Yen" in the

markets - said: "I personally feel that

Moody's may lose credibility with the

an outright recession. It pre-dicted that growth next year would slow to 0.8 per cent compared with a Treasury forecast of 1 to 1.5 per cent before rebounding to 1.5 per cent in 2000. It is forecasting rates will fall to about 6 per cent by the end of next year and to 5 per cent in 2000. However, the OECD claimed that Gordon Brown

not command the top debt rating. The timing could not have been worse for Other Japanese officials claimed

will still "comfortably" meet his borrowing rules, despite its lower growth predictions. New data published yesterday confirmed the Chancel-

lor remains on course to post a full-year Budget surplus. Inflation hit its target level for the third consecutive month, although the OECD cautioned that the introduc-

next year could generate fresh inflationary pressures. The OECD has also sharply downgraded its forecast for global economic growth, although Ignazio Visco, chief economist, said that the chances of a global recession

is "certainly much less than the 40 to 50 per cent we were predicting two months ago." It gave warning that stock

Moody's downgrades Japan credit status

cial sector and its growing public sector debt problem. The agency directly criticised the Government's emergency spending measures, claiming that "such fiscal stimulus packages have not led to sustained economic growth but are increasing domestic debt sub-

stantially".
The ratings downgrade will make borrowing for all Japanese governmental and commercial organisations

more expensive.

markets are at risk from fresh falls because the recent recovery had "failed to take account of an overvaluation in equity markets". Such a decline could make banks more reluctant to lend money, exacerbating the credit crunch faced by borrowers.

"In the US and in the euro area, monetary policy should remain biased towards easing, as inflation risks have reduced," the OECD said.

However, it warned leftleaning European governments against taking an activist economic stance arguing "there is still a need to reduce public debt to levels sustaina-

ble over the longer term."

The OECD expects economic growth in member economies to average 1.7 per cent next year, down from an April forecast of 2.5 per cent. Growth will reach to 2.25 per cent in 2000.

Inflation steadies, page 24

TIM OCKENDEN / PA

Advertisers back ITV on News at Ten

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

spend more than £800 million a year on television, have put their weight behind the plan by the ITV companies to move

News at Ten. The advertisers, including the biggest names in the business such as Procter & Gamble, Unilever, Mars, Kraft Jacobs Suchard, Renault, and Safeway, have written to the Independent Television Commis-

sion in support of ITV. The ITV companies have asked for the right to move the main ITV evening news, and the ITC will take the decision

The advertisers have written to the ITC expressing their "strong support" for the ITV request to be able to move the main peaktime news. They argue that the ITV companies must have greater freedom over their schedule as the competition for audiences becomes nore intense.

The main reason for moving News at Ten and replacing it with news programmes at 6.30pm and lipm is to end the present situation that means longer dramas or films broadcast after the 9pm threshold for more adult programmes are cut in half by the news.

The ITV companies have argued that the current situation

THIRTY of the UK's largest puts them at a disadvantage against new entrants to the TV market such as Channel 5 or BSkyB.

Many of the advertisers are angry at the number of pobticians who have intervened in the debate on the side of keeping News at Ten where it is.

John Hooper, director of ISBA, the advertisers' trade association, said last night: "The last thing most people want is for the news to be where it is interrupting their evening's entertainment."

Mr Hooper believes that across all channels there is plenty of news available and that ITV must have the freedom to take the steps necessary to increase its audiences.

Advertisers have been complaining of a rise of nearly 50 per cent in the coast of advertising airtime over the past five years. "We [advertisers] fund the commercial television system yet no one listens to our point of view," Mr Hooper

The likelihood is that the ITC will decide, despite the political pressure it has faced, to allow News at Ten to move with conditions attached - such as news headlines at 10pm, the reporting of important breaking news stories and a heavyweight bulletin at 11pm.



Flying the flag: Richard Branson will meet China Eastern Airlines with hopes of establishing a code-sharing agreement on Heathrow-Shanghai flights

Virgin sets sights on Shanghai

By Adam Jones

RICHARD BRANSON'S Vîrgin Atlantic believes it has the apper hand over its arch-rival. British Airways, in the battle to be the first British carrier to fly directly from Heathrow to

Only one of the airlines can win regulatory approval for the route. Mr Branson will meet Li Zhongming, the president of China Eastern Airlines, in China today to try and gin. The two airlines recently came to a provisional agreement to co-operate on the Shanghai route as long as they can both secure regulatory approval from their respective authorities in the UK and China.

Today's meeting could lead to this being formalised as a straightforward code-sharing agreement, with each airline operating the service on different days.

BA already runs a service between London and Beijing. route Virgin also wants to

fly. The two airlines will pre-sent their cases for the Shanghai licence at a public hearing organised by the Civil Aviation Authority on December 10. A decision is expected a few weeks after the hearing.

Virgin suffered a regulatory knockback in similar circumstances when it wanted to fly to Moscow with a Russian carrier as its partner. A Virgin spokesman said it would be a watershed" if it won approval for the Shanghai service. Mr Branson said yesterday

that Vîrgin hoped to be flyîng the Shanghai route by early summer 1999. He said there were "superb" opportunities in the Far East. Virgin is currently building a chain of cinemas in Japan. He said: "The cost of property there is at its lowest level for 20 years."

Mr Branson was also bullish about current trading at Virgin Atlantic. He said that the UK economy still felt "buoyant".

Branson's filt, page 27

Flying pickets in UK for Mickey Mouse row

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

the streets yesterday. No, not the industrial warriors of bygone years who packed into a transit van to trail from one grim dispute to another. Perish the thought in these times of workplace partnership.

Yesterday's flying pickets took their mission quite literally, boarding a transatlantic flight to London to mount their demonstration. Their target Mickey Mouse. Or more correctly, ABC News, the Walt Disney subsidiary. Mickey is gening a bit of a hammering from the unions in the US over ABC's use of casual labour and the lack of information about a medical plan.

ABC's answer to the conflict - which has left it with a crippling lack of technical staff -has been to switch the broadcasi of many news pro-

grammes to London. Orlando Burgos, of the Communication Workers Union of America, said: "To use anoth-

FLYING pickets returned to er country as a basis for scab operations is appalling." A spokeswoman for ABC said the company would continue to use London for as long as necessary. The flying pickets were offered solidarity yesterday by the UK's Communication Workers Union.

But Mickey Mouse could

soon be removed from his uncomfortable role as union hate figure. Both sides in the US are set to return to the negotiating table after intervencion from the Government. The dispute has won sup-

port from stars, including Whoopi Goldberg, the actress. and Tony Bennett, the singer.



ABC News workers flew into London for a demonstration

Shareholders 'should pay for mis-selling'

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

SHAREHOLDERS of insurance companies involved in pensions mis-selling should bear a substantial share of compensation costs, according to the all-party Treasury Select Committee.

This would encourage better management in future, the MPs said in their report on misselling, published yesterday. The bill to clear up the mis-

selling of pensions in the 1980s

and 1990s could eventually be as high as Ell billion. The committee also called for clarification on how and to whom surplus assets in longterm life funds, known as "or-

phans", should be distributed. Several insurance companies that want to release these surpluses are currently negotiating with the Department of Trade and Industry. Giles Radice, chairman of

the committee, said he was not

calling for the "whole burden"

He did, however, welcome

to be borne by shareholders.

the decision to allow policy-holders to complain to the proposed Financial Services Ombudsman about the size of bonuses attached to their

that the Treasury needs to examine whether the appointed actuary of an insurance com-

Radice: welcomed decision

pany should have greater powers. The committee recommended that the Financial Services Authority (FSA), the City super-watchdog, develop guidelines to reduce excessive dependence on commission-The committee also believes based sales.

It said that there should be a mechanism in place to check that salesmen have complied with the rules of selling before any commission is paid.

The current regulation of insurance, it said, was "illdesigned, little-known and rarely exercised". Meanwhile, the Personal in-

vestment Authority (PIA), which will be integrated into the FSA, has taken disciplinary action against 20 firms and issued fines totalling £76,000. Joe Palmer, chairman of the

PIA, gave warning that firms could face hefty fines if they did not clear up "priority" cases of pensions mis-selling by the end of this year.



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By CARL MORTISHED. INTERNATIONAL SUSINESS EDITOR

HOECHST, the German group recently linked in merger talks with French rival Rhône-Poulenc, is spinning off its industrial chemicals businesses, Celanese and Ticona

Deteriorating markets have forced Hoechst to scrap plans to sell Celanese for each in a public offering. Instead, it will be packaged and spun off with a listing in Frankfurt and New York. Hoechst yesterday announced a collapse in pretax profit for the third quarterbecause of weak Asian markets, financial crisis in Russia and deteriorat-

ing conditions in the US. Pre-tax profit fell 77 per cent to DM191 million (£68.2 million) in the three months to September and Jürgen Dormann, chief executive, said the pressure to consolidate in all sectors of industry would increase

He said an initial public offering of Celanese and Ticona would have been too slow, risking a loss of shareholder value, and a trade sale would not have yielded a good price.

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Inflation hits Bank's target for third month

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

tNFLATION hit the Bank of England's target level for the third consecutive month in Oc-tober but left the City uncon-vinced that the MPC will reduce interest rates again before the end of the year.

Separate data also published yesterday showed the Treasury achieving a larger than expected monthly Budget surplus, placing the Chancellor on course to beat his re-

vised full-year forecasts.

The October annual rate of underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments, remained static at 2.5 per cent. Headline inflation performed slightly better, slipping back from 3.2 per cent to

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BY CHRIS AYRES

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3.1 per cent — the lowest level its 25 per cent target over the seen in nearly 18 months. next six months, helping the Economists expressed some Monetary Policy Committee to bring rates down further."

disappointment that underlying inflation had not fallen. The Bank's Quarterly Infla-tion Report, published earlier this month, forecast a small increase in inflation during the next few months and economists said this could delay further rate reductions.

However, with retailers experiencing pricing pressure and wage demands easing, economists predicted that inflaoon was likely to decline in the next few months.

Jonathan Loynes, UK economist at HSBC, said: "Inflation should move decisively below

Requirement recorded a surplus of £7.9 billion in October compared with £5.7 billion last year. The better than expected The largest downward im-pact on inflation came from a figures were attributed to the continued strength of income

tax and VAT receipts. In the first seven months of the year the Treasury enjoyed a £5.3 surplus compared with a deficit of £3.1 billion at the same point last year. Economists predicted that the Chancellor was on course to beat his revised forecast for a full year

surplus of £4.3 billion. A larger than anocipated surplus this financial year will help the Government to meet its borrowing rules as the econ-omy begins to slow.



sharp decline in motoring

costs and falls in clothing and

footwear and household goods

prices. However, this was par-

oally offset by a one-off in-crease due to the introduction

Overall core goods inflation

slipped to 1.1 per cent, its low-

est rate since the series began in 1987. But services inflation

continued to disappoint, edg-ing down only slightly from

ner cent to 3.4 per cent.

The Public Sector Net Cash

of university tuition fees.

Merchant Retail Group, the specialist perfumery retailer and department stores group, whose chairman is Philip Newton, above, reported a profit of £3\$5,000 for the six months to september 26, compared with a loss of £167,000

last time. The company said it is approaching the Christmas selling season with confidence. Turnover was 15 per cent up at £35.3 million, with earnings per share at 0.27p, up from a loss of 0.23p. The interim dividend is 0.15p (0.10p).

Phillips & Drew loses council portfolio

BY PAUL DURMAN

PHILLIPS & DREW, the pension fund manager known for its bearish stance, has lost the contract to manage a £300 million portfolio for Buckinghamshire County Council.

After the loss of mandates from the Universides Superannuation Scheme and from Pearson, this is the third large client P&D has lost in recent months. Ironically, after a long period underperforming its rivals. P&D's one-year investment record is better than

it has been for three years. Buckinghamshire County Council has replaced P&D with CU Morley, part of Commer-cial Union. Sean Nolan, the council's head of finance, said P&D had a good record but "we felt it was time for a change".

The news came on a day when UBS, the Swiss bank that owns P&D, was reporting a 30 per cent collapse in pretax profits to SwFr3.5 billion for the first nine months of 1998. The bank was badly hit by the SwFr790 million (£340 million) loss it suffered on its involvement with Long Term Capital Management.

Warburg Dillon Read, the investment banking arm, suffered a pre-tax loss of SwFr1.23 billion. UBS blamed "the unprecedented volability on the equity markets and the sud-den and dramaoc widening of spreads on the bond markets". Sharp cuts in bonus pay-

ments meant UBS's personnel expenses fell by 17 per cent. UBS has also made provisions to make payments to the relatives of Jewish clients who were killed by the Nazis during the Second World War.

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Curwen leaves AWA's US division

chief executive of the US arm of Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the papermaker, has resigned from the company after more than 20 years to pursue "other interests" (Matthew Barbour

Mr Curwen, 49, has been

chief executive of Appleton, AWA's troubled US operation, for two years, having previous-ly been chief operating officer. Ken Minton, chairman,

said: "Richard has left voluntarily and on good terms. He has just decided that he is at the right stage to make the move and try something different. He is a very able man and we wish him all the best."

Mr Minton said that Mr Curwen's departure was in noway connected to the recent disappointing results from

For the six months to June

30 operating profits in AWA's North American manufacturing fell 19 per cent to £37.7 mil-lion on sales of £390.2 million (£405.2 million).

Mr Curwen is to be replaced by Douglas Buth, formerly vice-president of AWA's carbonless paper division.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Barclaycard 'tests' low interest rates

BARCLAYCARD, the UK's largest issuer of credit cards, is almost halving its interest rate for existing customers who transfer balances from other credit card providers. About 200,000 cardholders selected randomly from Barclaycard's 9.4 million customer base, will be charged 9.9 per cent APR for six months on transferred balances. Alternaovely cardholders can choose to pay 12.9 per cent APR for 12 months, or 18.9 per cent APR on an indefinite basis. Interest on purchases will still be charged at standard rates, ranging from 22.9 per cent APR to 18.9 per cent APR.

Barclays usually offers the option of transferring balances to new customers only, at 18 per cent APR. The move follows an announcement by Barclaycard last week that it would cut its interest rates by one percentage point for all nine million cardholders in the UK from December 1. A spokeswoman for Barclaycard said the offer is not a response to increased competition in the credit card market, but a test designed to measure customers' reaction to different charging structures.

BTG optimistic

BTG, the company that manages items of intellectual property and attempts to turn them into commercial propositions. said it is moving towards break-even for the first time since floration. The bioscience, electronics and medical inventions group, which demerged Torotrak, its auto transmissions unit earlier this year, announced flat revenues from continuing operacions for the six months to September 30, impacted by a revenue decline from Japan and a number of patent inquiries. BTG's fully diluted loss per share in the six-month period was 7.11p (4.52p). It is not declaring an interim dividend but expects to pay out a final dividend.

Volvo jobs warning

VOLVO has became the latest carmaker to cast a cloud over jobs when it gave warning of a cost-cutting drive. The Swedish manufacturer employs more than 2,500 staff in the UK out of a worldwide workforce of 73,000. It makes trucks in Irvine, Ayrshire, produces parts at sites including Warwick and Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and has a network of distributors and retailers. The carmaker said it had been forced to mount a "comprehensive overhaul" of costs in the wake of the Asian crisis. Its crackdown will also hit UK suppliers that produce Volvo parts.

United signs chief

A FORMER Wah Disney executive is to head the FA Premier League Hall of Fame, the visitor attraction set up by United News & Media. Marcus Carling, previously director of Walt Disney's touring theatre and interactive visitor attraction in Asia, becomes chief executive at once. Sir Geoff Hurst, the England World Cup striker, is chairman, The attraction, a 30,000 sq ft site at County Hall, Central London, is due to open next March. The first six players to be featured include Peter Schmeichel, Alan Shearer and Dennis Bergkamp.

Luminar head cashes in

STEVE THOMAS, chief executive of Luminar, the bar and nightclub operator, notched up a profit of £1.55 million yesterday after cashing in share options granted at the time of its flotation in May 1996. Mr Thomas took advantage of the rally in its shares in the wake of last month's half-year results to sell 400,000 ordinary shares at 610p against option prices ranging between 210% p and 230p. He still holds shares worth almost £3 million at yesterday's closing price of 670p, equiva-lent to 2.1 per cent of Luminar's total share capital.



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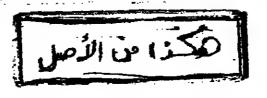
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The businessmen running Camelot face an unusual challenge. They must strive to present themselves as

quite hopeless at making profits. Good causes are what they are about, not dividends for share-Yesterday the doughty George Russell, Camelot's chairman, was at pains to emphasise that his company's profit after tax rep-

resents less than lp in every pound of sales. So great is the pressure on him not to provide ammunition for those keen to deprive him of the National Lottery franchise that one could almost hear him muttering "and we promise to try to do worse than that next time".

The obligation on Camelot to play down its profitability does little service to its shareholders. including Cadbury Schweppes. Racal and poor old De La Rue. The bank note producer had piti-fully little good news to offer the City yesterday except for its stake in the lottery operator. Producing plastic cash cards is not as profitable as owning a quarter of Camelot, but the company clearly has to play down the fact that at least

the lottery is a winning ticket. Yet running the National Lottery was not necessarily going to be a way to print money. The companies involved in Camelot took a hefty commercial risk in getting the operation up and running on time. That they did so with a questionable choice of

Lottery winner seeks no publicity

partner is now history, but the discrediting of GTech has certainly exacerbated the hypocritical view of Camelot's profits as an obscene abuse of the nation's charities.

The figures over which the company still seems so embarrassed are far from outrageous. At less than lp in the pound, Camelot is managing to squeeze out of its customers about a tenth of the margin that Marks & Spencer manages.

And as yesterday's figures make clear, the business is not without risk. While ticket sales for the online game increased over the year, punters appear to be learning a little restraint as far as scratch cards are con-cerned. A fall of 14.5 per cent in sales of a leading product line would be sufficient to frighten most businesses.

Despite that, the Lottery remains an extraordinary success. As Camelot points out, in the past half year, it returned more than El billion to the Government in a combination of good causes revenue, lottery duty and other taxes. Since the Government seems to be blurring the line that divided the original good causes from normal government spending, this



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seems a fair statistic to throw into the argument.

That argument will get louder as Camelot's five-year term draws to a close and other companies make a pitch to win the business, with some, perhaps, even offering to run it on a not-for-profit basis. But Carnelot retained just 4.7 per cent of sales to cover its costs and profit over the half year. That should be the target other contenders must pledge to beat.

Mandelson fails to impress oil price

othing is quite so terrifying as a Cabinet minister grasping an issue.
Our new Secretary of State for Trade and Industry issued a stern challenge to the oil industry yesterday and set his junior, John Battle, the Energy Minister, chasing after it. The Government has suddenly realised that the North Sea oil

current oil prices, no one is making much of a profit. This is bad for the Government, which likes to tax their profits, but it is also bad for jobs and, in particular, Scottish jobs. Yesterday, Peter Mandelson created a task force to help the industry cut its cost base. The master of presentation announced grandly: "I will not sit back and watch a decline of the UK oil and gas industry un-der the impact of the low world oil price."The oil price was unimpressed; January Brent Crude spent the day slumped at \$11.80.
20 cents below the average cost of production for a North Sea barrel and barely ahead of the August low point of \$11.55.

producers are in a bit of a jam. At

But if the oil price is still in the doldrums, the Government is now ready for action. Back in August, Mr Mandelson's colleague Gordon Brown had yet to be converted to the new thinking. The curmudgeons at the Treasury were still dreaming up new

schemes to tax North Sea oil. These were reluctantly scrapped a month later. Happily, the task force is now ready to lend a hand. What will it do?

According to Mr Battle, it will "focus on achieving the cultural shift necessary to capture the value available from intelligent work-ing". Mr Battle said "global com-pentiveness is crucial". He did not promise any money but noted that the oil companies had not re-quested any. Instead, he wants to help to improve the efficiency of the supply chain and he has made available three new publications on the subject. That should help a lot. If Shell, BP and Exxon have not asked for

BP and Econ have not asked for cash, it is because they know it will not be forthcoming. They have been in this game a long time and they know that UK governments will never stop meddling with oil taxes. They have their own organisation, CRINE, which has done much already, and withhas done much already, and with-out DTI coaching, to reduce costs

in the North Sea. But in the end, if the price remains below \$12, big oil will gradually leave Scotland for summer spots in the Gulf and West Africa. The Government will then have a stark choice. It can provide tax incentives to invest or it can watch boom town Aberdeen turn to bust.

Bucks stops here for Phillips & Drew

The decision of Buckinghamshire council to remove a £300 million mandate from Phillips & Drew and hand it to CU Morley seems oddly based. The council is not critical of the P&D record, though many are. It has been with the firm long enough to have en-joyed good times as well as bad so can look back over a relationship which has produced an above average return. So Buck-inghamshire, in the trustees' equivalent of a "dear John" letter, announces that Phillip is a super chap but the magic has gone out of the relationship: it is "time for a change"

This would be a dubious reason to move business at any stage but, given that P&D has

just enjoyed a record quarter, it looks particularly strange. Hav-ing stuck with the firm while its prematurely bearish stance cost it dear, jumping ship now, just when the market is seeing things the P&D way, appears perverse.

Change is not necessarily always for the better. There are, however, some in the pensions industry for whom long-term contentment is anathema. Pensions consultants have no wish for trus-tees to feel content with their relationships with fund managers: far better they should consider playing the field.

It may be that CU Morley's mangement will prove as effective as P&D's value management. But Buckinghamshire council workers might like to feel that their pensions were being determined by more than a whim for change.

That extra mile

LORD LEVENE of Portsoken has a clear idea of his task as Lord Mayor of London, At Monday's spectacular Guildhall banquet, he made clear that he will be promoting Britain's financial services to the world, without feeling himself confined by the artificial boundaries of the Square Mile. Less imaginative folk in the City had mumbled resentment when, as chairman of Canary Wharf, he lured business down river. Now that same formidable determination is being put to work for an entire industry.

Vodafone predicts mobile shortage over Christmas

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

VODAFONE, the UK's largest mobile telephone group, gave warning yesterday that there could be a shortage of phones for Christmas because of demand boosted by tariff cuts and pay-as-you-go

Chris Gent, chief executive, said that there was "storming growth" in the mobile market and that an estimate that 1.5 million new subscribers in the UK would sign up during the Christmas quarter was "a rea-

asonable figure".

Mr Gent said he expected a shortfall of between 40,000

period and that Vodafone's markets and record improverival, Cellnet, would face the greatest shortage. Cellnet said last night that its Philips mobile handsets were moving off the shelves as fast as they arrived in the stores. Cellnet said every effort was being

nounced pre-tax profits for the half-year to September 30 up by 60 per cent to £477 million and an increase in its total number of customers world-

Vodafone spoke of accelerat- od last year. Vodafone said its ing customer growth in all its

all fall in National Lottery

sales, mainly because of a 14.5

per cent drop in sales of In-

stants scratchcards from £381.1

million to £326 million. Camel-

ot is investigating ways of re-

Despite the fall, Instants have still raised £1 billion for

good causes such as arts,

sports and national heritage

since they were launched. On-

line sales, however, rose by 1.1

per cent to £2.07 billion in the half, a record.

During the half Camelot raised a record £696.3 million

for good causes, a figure that

rose to £835 million when un-

claimed prizes and prize fund shortfall contributions were

included.

versing the trend.

and 50,000 phones during the First profits fall for Camelot

By OUR MEDIA EDITOR

CAMELOT, the National Lottery operator that has previously been criticised for making too moch profit. has seen its profits fall for the first time in its history (see Commen-

tary, this page).
The company, whose share-holders include Vodafone and De La Rue, made pre-tax profits of £34 million in the 24 weeks to September 12 against £38.5 million last time.

The drop was partly the result of a planned fall in Camelot's "take" over its seven-year licence. Last year Camelot kept 4.9 per cent of lottery revenues to cover costs and profit. In the first half the percentage was down to 4.7 per cent. There has also been an over-

made to meet demand. The forecast of a Christmas shortfall came as Vodafone an-

wide to 7.3 million.

market leadership had been more than 500,000 over its

In the UK operating profit was up 7 per cent at £302.6 million. The company increased its dividend by only 15 per cent to 3.12p.
"We have reduced growth in

the dividend because we have lots of great things to do with the money," said Mr Gent. The shares fell 131/2 yester-

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ket penetration in all the ma-

jor markets in which we oper-

ate to reach 50 per cent by the

end of 2003, a year earlier than we projected last year," Mr

"Mobile telephony is becom-

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We now expect total mar-

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Gent said.

day to 838p on the results.



Chris Gent, chief executive, spoke of "storming growth" in the mobile phone market

Tempus, page 26 Rue suffers interim slump

DE LA RUE, the troubled banknote printer, yesterday vowed to hold on to its 26 per cent stake in Camelot, the National Lottery operator, as it re-ported an 81 per cent slump in pre-tax profits to £7.8 million during the six months to September 30 (Chris Ayres writes). The company, which has suf-

fered from chronic over-capaci-

ty and difficult markets, said it had spent £25 million cutting out a quarter of its production facilities and making nearly 400 people redundant. Over the past year, the company has lost its chief executive. Jeremy Marshall, and more recently the head of its cash systems business, Haydn Abbott.

lan Much, the company's re-

cently installed chief executive. said he had taken personal control of De La Rue's casb handling business. "We must develop a more commercial cuteness," he said. "We need to be more street smart, and get away from the mentality that volume is important."

De Le Rue also yesterday reported a 2.3 per cent fall in

from £335 million to £327 million, while earnings per share fell 81 per cent to 2.6p (14.1p). An interim dividend of 4p

(7.5p) will be paid on April 6. Mr Much said: "Although the half-year results are clearly unacceptable, I am encouraged with what I have found in my first weeks in De Le Rue."

BOC to raise £100m from continental sale

BY PAUL DURMAN

BOC, the industrial gases group that is in the middle of a wide-ranging shake-up to cut costs, is expected to raise another £100 million from the sale of businesses in Germany and the Benelux countries.

BOC said profits from its gases business in Benelux and the pipeline business in Germany remained inadequate, but the operations were attracting strong interest from poten-tial purchasers. With sales of about £70 million. Jeremy Chantry, analyst at Crédit Lyonnais Securities, suggested the businesses could fetch £100 million or more.

Yesterday's full-year results were overshadowed by the £293 million restructuring charge that is funding more

The charge reduced pre-tax profits to £247.2 million, down

from £445.2 million, BOC benefited from a £144 million gain on the sale of Ohmeda, its healthcare arm. However, BOC said the pre-

tax profits of its continuing businesses were 5 per cent ahead at £390 million, after adjusting for currencies, BOC Gases increased its underlying operating profits by 11 per cent to £418.5 million. BOC is to close its head of-

fice at Windlesham in Surrey. moving the 220 staff to Guildford. Danny Rosenkranz, chief executive, said the move would cost only a handful of jobs.

BOC has pegged its dividend at 15.5p as part a rebalancing move. It will delay the payment until April 7, thus saving £18.9 million of advance rporation tax.

Energis considers mobile licence bid

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

ENERGIS, the telecoms group controlled by the National Grid, is in talks with possible parmers to bid for a third generation mobile licence.

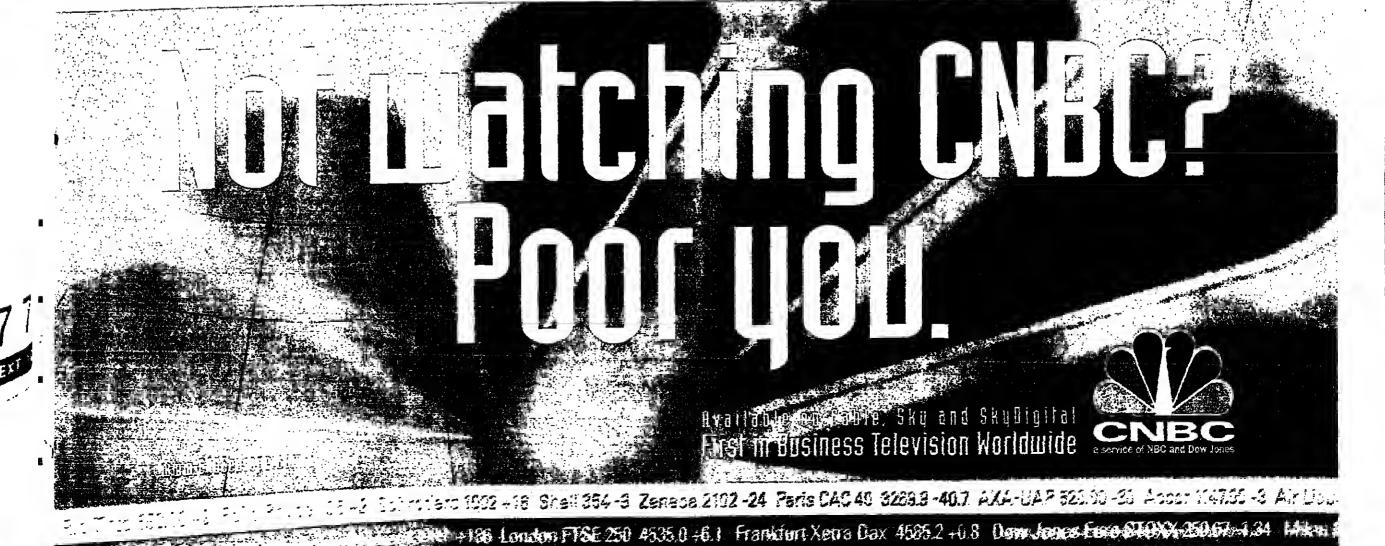
The Government is expected to put the new licences up for tender early next year and outsiders will be able to bid against the four existing mo-bile phone operators.

Mike Grabiner, chief execu-tive of Energis, said yesterday that he was interested in bidding, but only with partners. as a way of extending the reach of his network.

Operators such as Vodafone claim the Government will exclude outsiders from offering call roaming with the new licences to protect the investment posicion of the original mobile operators. Mr Grabiner said such a move would kill

off interest from new bidders. The comments came as Energis announced a 76 ner cent rise in turnover to £121.7 million and a halving or pre-tax losses to £16.1 million in the six months to September 30.

After the acquisition of Planet Online, the independent Internet service provider, Energis carries the traffic for Dixons Freeserve, which gives Internet access to its customers.





Investors in the mood for a financial merger

TALK of a large corporate deal emerging in the financial sector is not new. But it does make commercial sense and is most likely to materialise when the City least expects it.

Yesterday the speculators found it convenient to run with reports that AXA-UAP wanted to bid for Guardian Royal Exchange, which responded with a rise of 184:p to 2934:p as more than 5 million shares changed hands. Any offer from the French insurer. which already owns Sun Life Assurance, would have to be agreed. GRE's John Robins would be a tough opponent and sure to block any aggressive move.

It is more likely that the first corporate move will be in the banking sector. There are simply too many banks and building societies on the high street and brokers say something will have to give. The chances are they will follow the lead of rival banks in the US and on the Continent which have merged in order to gain market share and cut costs.

Bardays, down 15p to £12.25, Halifax, 114p firmer at 8334p. Abbey National. 3p dearer at £12.28 and NatWest. 29p higher at 979p, have all pondered the prospect of mergers at some stage with one rival, or another.

Others in the frame include Alliance & Leicester, 2p lighter at 898p. and Woolwich. 314p better at 3701/2p, while Norwich Union, 24p up at 426%p, and Prudential Corporation. 114p harder at 8134p. have both been linked with the banking sector in the past.

Share prices generally ran out of steam after notching up early gains and extending their recent strong run. Hopes that the Federal Reserve will cut US interest rates provided the stimulus for the early gains, but opening falls for the Dow Jones industrial average left prices in London nursing small losses on the day.

The FTSE 100 index, up 52 points, at one stage, closed 7.8 down at 5,502.7. Trading conditions were again thin with total turnover reaching just 750

million shares. other string of gloomy trading results, including a profits setback for BOC. But the final outcome was no worse than feared and the price ended the session 18p higher at 866p.



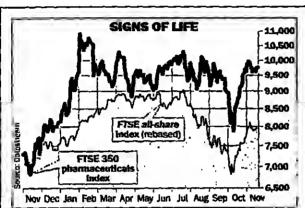
Tony Isaac, left, finance director, and Danny Rosenkranz, chief executive of BOC, which ended 18p higher at 866p

273% p. having briefly touched 280p, after talking to brokers and fund managers. The best the company could offer, was that trading was still in line

with expectations. Rentokil Initial ran into profit taking after Monday's sharp rise. Sir Clive Thompson, chief executive, was meeting fund managers at a lunch arranged by HSBC Securities.

the broker. They were hoping to establish if the industrial services group would be able to extend its 20 per cent earnings growth record despite the economic slowdown.

Credit Suisse First Boston, the broker, has picked its 28 best "core buys" across Europe. British companies feature prominently. They include British Aerospace. 30



FUND managers have been breathing fresh life back in to the biotech stocks after a period of uncertainty earlier this year. At last, there appears to be positive news emanating from some of the companies.

They were led higher yesterday by Skyepharma, up 9p to 82%p, which has linked with Novartis Phar-ma to develop its dry-powder asthma inhalers in or-

der to gain US approval. Earlier this month. Chiro-science, unchanged at 321½p, applied for Swedish

approval for its local anaesthetic, while Shield Diag-nostics's Activated Factor 12, used for detecting heart disease, looks like being a winner in the US.

Robert Fleming Securities expects further developments from biotech companies before the year end and bas been pushing the cludes British Biotech, Celltech. down 1744p to 40244p. Oxford GlycoSciences. steady at 236½p and Van-guard Medica, down 1p to 206½p.

shares at 4150 taking his entitholding to 1.57 million, or 3.1 per cent. The Parity shar price has collapsed from peak of 8620 this year. There was no joy for the food manufacturers in the wake of the sales warning from Northern Foods, down 1214p to 155p. It followed hard on the heels of a downbeat trading statement this week from Unigate, 10%p off at 491/4p. There were also losses for Cadbury Schweppes. 11p to 884p, Devro. 5p to 276/4p. Geest, 16/4p to 418/4p. Haziewood Foods, 9p to 125/4p. Hilledown 5/4p to 550 and

Hillsdown, 5/4p to 85p, and United Biscuits, 13p to 237p. VHE Holdings saw its share price virtually halved with a fall of 32p, or 45 per cent, to 39p after it gave warning that interim pre-tax profits will fall below last year's £1.4 million. The outcome for the full year will also be "material-

ly" down on 1997. Another big faller was Storedata Systems Ip lower at 24p after announcing it will not be proceeding with its acquisition of Network Services.

GILT-EDGED: Bond prices got off to a flying start, but traded in narrow limits for the rest of the session with investors proving reluctant to open fresh positions. They were anxiously waiting to see which way the US Federal Reserve Open Market Committee would move on interest rates.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt finished 34p dearer at £115.49 in low volume that saw just 21,000 contracts completed. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 put on 72p at £145.24, while Treaster at £106.02.

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for some time. The savings -

MOBILE telephony is a luscious business to be in. How many industries can reasonably hope to sign up 1.5 million new customers in a Christmas quarter? Digital television would die for such a following.

Of course the competition is cut-throat and no sooner than a new marketing or tariff wheeze is introduced than it is instantly copied by rivals. Competition will squeeze margins - Vodafone's 5p weekend tariff obviously hits on that front. That company is also surely right to assume that as costs come down the mobile will increasingly challenge fixed networks as the preferred method for personal communications. The new pay-as-you-go schemes could rapidly become the norm for the non-business customer and although such customers may start as low frequency users the habit will grow.

Yesterday's results from Vodafone confirm that the stock is a must have, despite the fact that the shares dipped by 131-p to 838p. It is a sound, well-run company in a vibrant sector. Yes, it is being given more of a run for its money by a reawakened Cellnet, but both these seem to being taking a disproportionate share of the new business compared with rivals Orange and One-2-One.
Vodalone shares trade at a frightening 40

omes prospective earnings per share. But unlike some of its telecoms rivals such as Orange and Colt, investors do have the comfort of knowing that Vodatone is profitable and that

embraces the discipline of paying dividends. These facts, coupled with Vodafone's international dimension, mean it cannot be ignored. Any further weakness in the price should be grasped as a buying opportunity.

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age blow to BOC Edwards,

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BOC

IT HAS been a busy year for BOC. With the sale of its large healthcare business, an efficiency drive that will cost £300 million and 5.300 jobs. the collapse of investment in computer chip factories, and gyrating currencies, investors can add up the figures in half a dozen ways and come up with entirely different results

Underneath it all, the main gases businesses remains in robust health. At constant currencies, even turnover was up 5 per cent and operating profits were 11 per cent ahead at £418.5 million. While BOC cannot escape the effects of a slowing world economy. the need for oxygen, nitrogen and compressed air in a wide variety of industries provides a very solid core.

The restructuring is intended to encourage a more entrepreneurial culture that will ac-

punt on the world economy. £50 million this year. £120 million the year after - should Having risen almost a quarter to 866p since early last be more obvious and will enamonth, the shares are too ble continued profits growth. The collapse in memory high to rate more than a hold. **COMING UP FOR AIR**

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Northern Foods

IT USED to be that a company needed only to mention con-nections with Marks & Spencer to have investors queueing

Not any more. Northern Foods sells fully one third of its sandwiches, cakes and ready meals through M&S. But just as Northern and M&S prospered together for so long, now they are suffering in tandem.

M&S remains a powerful ally for Northern and it would be foolish to get overworried about what may only be a short-term hiccup. Criticism of Northern also seems churlish because it is undoubtedly well run. Can Northern really be blamed for the fact that the food manufacturing

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Northern's record on investment also represents a shining example. But investment in efficiency-gaining production lines, which once may have put Northern in a position to improve its prospects, is now required to stave off declines. Even with the tireless energies Northern expends making itself efficient, profit margins are likely to erode.

With growth stymied for the foreseeable future Northern shares lean heavily on the 5.4 per cent yield. Hold if you want income.

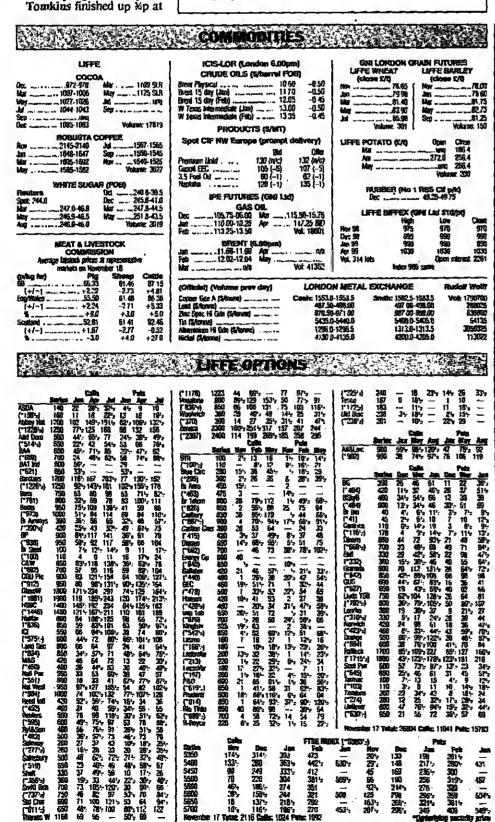
NO ONE can escape outsourcing. The trend to devolve anything but strictly across many businesses.

established providing support services to the Army and Navy. The newer activities already account for 43 per cent of group turnover putting it well on the way to meeting the internal 50 per cent target. Vosper's support service business also has a forward order book worth £400 million - equivalent to twice Vosper's total sales in 1997.

The diversification is good for spreading Vosper's risk profile, but it is also useful in building up long-term work. Some of its larger contracts run for 13 years, providing stability against the backdrop of changing ship order patterns.

The stock market has been unsure of what to make of Vosper. The shares have bounced around alarmingly the market is beginning to appreciate the attractions of Vosper, the shares still hold plenty of promise. Buy.

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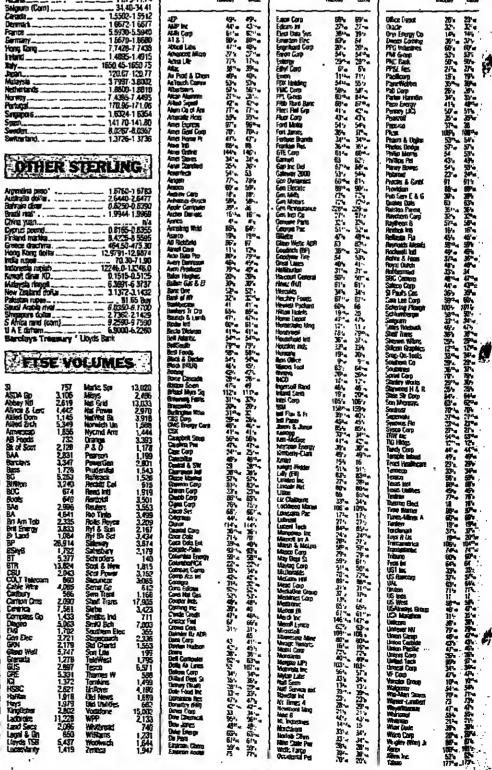


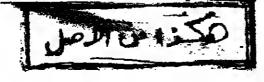
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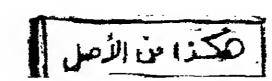
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ew observers of the international economy are now talking about Armageddon, and a slightly calmer perspective on the economic crisis is justified as long as central bankers continue to do their job and go on cutting interest rates. It is complacent to assume that 50 or 75 basis points off significant interest rates will be enough for the world economy to turn the corner.

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AING UP FOR AIR

In yesterday's economic outlook. the OECD noted "an abatement of tensions" but gave warning that substantial risks remain and, as a timely service to optimists (the most inveterate of whom have been pumping money into Japanese equities) in recent weeks, offered a glimpse of doomsday.

The crisis in Asia deepens and broadens to Latin America. Capital flows out again and emerging markets investments are marked up again. This leads to further bouts of currency depreciation (20 per cent on average in Asia and 30 per cent in non-OECD Laon America), lower demand and further global oil and commodity price de-

Doomsday danger not yet averted

clines (OECD oil imports down by 30 per cent and non-oil commodities by 12 per cent).

Economic decline in Japan continues while bank restructuring cither stalls or proceeds but is "disorderly". The yen falls (in Y145 to the dollar) and demand and confidence weakens. Global equity markets suffer another sharp correction (30 per cent from mid-Novem-ber levels, and 40 per cent to 50 per cent from mid-July peaks) and this, in turn, weakens internal demand and confidence in large in-dustrialised economies. The dollar lalls by 10 per cent against the euro

and 5 per cent against sterling. The OECD then analyses the impact of caudous and aggressive monetary easings. Caution produces essentially no growth at all in OECD countries next year, with recession in America, continuing conless than I per cent in Europe. Ag-gressive easing helps to mitigate these effects, but not a great deal.

its message is clear. Interest rates have to go on falling, partly - and crucially - to keep the patina of confidence constructed by central bankers and finance ministers since the October meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Washington. That confidence has been based less on grand statements about reforming the world financial architecture than on the perception that central banks will condnue aggressively to cut rates.

As soon as Alan Greenspan noted recently that credit spreads had narrowed somewhat and that the mood in markets was calmer, expectations of further rate cuts started to fade. That pushed the dollar higher against the yen and rallying Asian markets fell off their perch. As Stephen Lewis, of Monu-



ment Derivatives, noted: "If the Federal Open Markets Committee needed a reminder that a return to financial market stability is conditional on further credit ease, it has received it." Confidence is fragile.

In Britain, the rate debate was muddied last week by the Bank of England's Inflotion Report. The Bank appeared to be arguing that. with no more rate cuts, Britain would grow at about I per cent next year and that it would more or less hit its inflation target over the next two years without a further monetary easing. The Chancellor was predicting much the same, but on the basis that interest rates will fall further. Pre-Budget Report forecasts are based on market assumptions of the future path of interest rates and they were, at that stage at least, markedly down.

appears to side with the Chancellor. Most economists believe that the economy will show more signs of sharp decline and that the Bank will cut interest rates again to head off an undershoot of its inflation target land deliver to Gordon Brown his sofosh landing).

The dominant view in the City

The truth is that, with inflation low and falling, and the possibility of serious deflation in the works. central bankers ought to be erring on the side of bigger monetary easings, simply because they can. In

America, this thinking appears to be well entrenched. Alice Rivlin, Deputy Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, recently said that "inflacion is not a problem". Nor, it seems, is the fact that Wall Street is almost back to 5 per cent below its previous highs. Far from talking about irrational exuberance, Ms Rivlin responded to stock market strength with "we can't solve all

the problems at one go." Britain's central bankers, with a dreadful past inflation record to live down, do not yet seem convinced that deflation, not inflation, is the bogeyman now. For exam-ple, the Bank is projecting that in-flation will blip above target in the spring on the assumption that the minimum wage is going to push up labour costs. Yet, if the economy is slowing to near recessionary levels, it seems highly unlikely that the minimum wage will be enough

to boost earnings overall. Central bankers also have to take care not to misread the signals of, frankly, irrational financial market play-ers. Remember the fact that the recent rally in Asian stock markets was set off by a rally in the yen, it-self largely triggered by the dis-tressed closing out of huge short yen positions by hedge funds. Rallying Asian stocks were seen as a sign of global recovery. US rate cut expectations eased, the dollar rose, the yen fell.

Tim Bond, of Barclays Capital, summed up this episode thus: The improvement in global senu-ment has been wholly confined in the financial markets and appears to be a classic instance of reflexive reasoning, investors seeking to ascribe fundamental causes to technical market movements and thus extrapolating an investment policy that is based upon an wholly incor-

rect reading of the fundamentals."
The fundamentals remain dire in the developing world and, even for central bankers, it is real economies, not the twilight zone of the

Germany's demerging chemicals Branson ready groups begin to lose their focus

Carl Mortished

reports on how the struggle for growth is being approached by two big rivals

Türgen Dormann, chief executive of Hoechst, made good use of the "C" word yesterday, announcing the demerger of the industrial chemicals business that would leave the German company a drugs and agro-

It was a good gambit; "conglomerate structure" raises the hackles of most analysts, Mr Dormann has been, "dismantling the multilayered, complex Hoechst conglomerate for four years. And yesterday it looked like the strategy was on its last lap. The new Hoechst will concentrate on life sciences, "pursuing a market and value-oriented approach".

He followed up with more words designed to please: "focus", "value" and the Holy Grail of the new managers of days circg and agri firms — "life sciences".

This time the speech fell on deaf ears and Hoechst shares fell to a record low. It was not all Mr Dormann's fault; his audience had heard the strategy too many times before. But analysts were more interested to hear news of the rumoured merger with Rhone-Poulenc. Yesterday, Mr Dormann would not or could not oblige.

Hoechst's strategy of refining its business down to life sciences was greeted with a fanfare when it was launched - it was a bombshell to the German chemicals industry. The Anglo-American obsession with focus has been slow to take root in the industrial land-

scape of the Rhine. Instead of a triumph.
Hoechst's dismemberment has been more like a slow death. In contrast, Hoechst's two German rivals, have resolutely refused to follow the Hoechst lead and do the splits, despite urgings from investment analysts and bankers.





Jürgen Strube, left, chairman of BASF, which has diversified, in contrast to the strategy of Jürgen Dormann at Hoechst

Bayer insists that its drugs to its management, the answer business will remain within is verbund. Rather than adopt the fold while seeking partnerships. Meanwhile. BASF is diversifying further upstream proving remarkably resilient to recession while Hoechst's profits have been battered.

Hoechst's third-quarter figures showed both the impact of collapsing chemical prices and a weak performance in the new areas of focus: pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals. Celanese, the industrial business set for demerger saw its operating profit halved while Hoechst Marion Roussel, the drugs business, has suffered from shrinking Japanese markets and the collapse in Russia. HMR's result was affected by restructuring, but its sales and those of Agrevo, the

agro-chemical joint venture with Schering, declined. BASF too, was hurt by thirdquarter price pressures but is still forecasting higher profits for the year. The company is making money from its core chemical, plastics and coatings businesses as well as its health and nutrition ventures. Why is BASF being spared

much of the pain? If you listen

US-business school jargon. BASF bosses have invented their own philosophy, which ness wisdom. Roughly translated, verbund means integration and describes the huge efficiency gains BASF has derived at Ludwigshafen, a massive chemical plant on the Rhine. by vertically integrating the production process. According to Peter Mackay at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, verbund works. "They pump in natural gas, oil and salt at one end,

very little actual waste." ASF claims that verbund at Ludwigshafen saves the company DMI billion (£360 million) and the company is building on the principle in Texas and in Malaysia. So serious is BASF about integration that it has gone right back to the wellhead in the North Sea as far upstream as drugs and vitamins. BASF bought the Boots pharmaceuticals business. In Germany, BASF owns Wintershall, an oil and gas company.

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products are recycled. There is

which, in partnership with Rus-sia's Gazprom, has gained control of 12 per cent of the German gas market.

Were BASF a British or US

would have been spun off. Indeed. Dupont has done the honours for Conoco while chemical rivals elsewhere have been shuffling their busi-ness portfolios. Specialty chemicals operations were spun off in the hope that the fashion for focus would deliver gains for shareholders: Rhone-Poulene shed Rhodia while the merger of Sandoz and Ciba-Geigy gave birth to Ciba Specialty Chemicals. Last week, Ciba merged with its Swiss sister company Clariant, which had previously been demerged from Sandoz. In Britain. ICI has attempted to refashion itself as a specialty chemicals company, shedding its industrial beritage in an attempt to escape the punishing cycle of commodities.

However, rampant corporate activity has not delivered extraordinary gains for investors, as Tony Cox of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson points out. The surprise is the speed at which specialty chemicals

now Fr95. It was the triumph of expectation over substance." Il is an irony that Britain's well. ICI's profits were halved in the first quarter, mainly because of the meltdown in its remaining industrial businesses. But the new specialty businesses, acquired from Unilever for £5 billion, suffered an underlying fall in earnings, elevated to a flat result with a bit

have been derased. Rhodia

was launched at Fr140, it is

of help from an acquisition. Who is right, the vertical inregrationists or the focused players? In a sense, comparisons are unfair. Having decided to become a life sciences company. Hoechst can hardly be judged against BASF which is a chemicals business, albeit one that is investing heavily in pharmaceuticals and genetic engineering of plants.

Hoechst is being judged on its performance as a drugs and agro-chemical concern. It needs to grow and quickly if it is to compete with the likes of Novartis and Merck. Lacking a good drugs pipeline and strong presence in the US it will have to buy its growth. Un-fortunately, the market has de-

to gain from selling Celanese; the industrial chemicals arm is to be floated off. And the mooted merger with Rhone-Poulenc has not fascinated the analysts. Referring to the weak drugs pipeline of both companies one said: "It is a strategy born of weakness."

ltimately, one cannot escape the conis that rare breed, a successful conglomerate. Its strength is its strong chemistry which generates a prodi-gious return on capital at Ludwigshafen. The mountain of cash generated from plastics and bulk chemicals is then successfully reinvested.

But BASF may now be under threat from within. Germany's new Government is showing itself to be less friendly to post-war industrial stratebased on industrial conglomerates. It wants less investmeet in big, polluting machinery and more in people and high technology. Pressure from the Green Party suggests that an energy tax is on the way, which would spoil the verbund effect at Ludwigshafen.

If the policy develops further, BASF may be forced to go abroad It is already build ing plant in Malaysia and Chi-na. Indeed, the BASF model of vertical integration is being followed closely in India where Reliance Industries, a successful polyester manufacturer has expanded into petrochemicals and further upstream into oil exploration securing supplies of natural gas. Recently it has acquired a telecoms li cence. The "C" word is definitely still kosher in the developing world.

for tilt at punctuality

a novel incentive to dozens of train designers in Birmingham yesterday. The Virgin boss — who was

opening a new design studio at Alstorn, the UK-French engineer - handed out silver enve lopes containing one half of a transatlantie air ticket. The designers get the other

half if Alstom manages to deliver new tilting trains to Virgin's rail operation on time. This is the carrot. The stick is not far away. On the wall of

the new studio is a banner that details the cost of failure. Two months late in delivery? That will cost Alstom about £10 million. A 10 per cent overrun on the cost of materials? That will cost about

£15 million, and so on. The banner will undoubtedly focus the minds of the Alstom designers as they prepare a prototype train for tests in the summer of 2000.

For their customer, however, the stakes are much higher. Mr Branson's foray into rail services has been a public relations disaster recently. The poor punctuality of the Virgin services along the West Coast of England and Scotland has infuriated politicians and alien-

Virgin argues that it is doing its best with the poor infrastructure it inherited — but the 54 tilting trains earmarked for the West Coast are its best chance of winning over critics.

With the help of track improvements. Virgin hopes the trains will eventually cut 112 hours from the five hours and 20 minutes' journey from London to Glasgow. The first should come into service between May and September of

2001. Any delay will leave Virgin open to another roasting. This does not leave Aistorn and its Italian partner, Fiat Ferroviaria, much room for error. The music that accompanied the opening of the design studio yesterday - the theme from Mission: Impossible did not dispel this feeling but

the engineers are confident. They sav they have scoured the globe as streamline the design and manufacturing process. The esigners are divided into teams with complete responsibility for one part of the train. There are no office partitions: information must flow freely. The progress of the various teams can be modelled in

3-D by computer. To ram home the need for punctuality, the number of days left before the first scheduled delivery is displayed on a wall. Yesterday it read 866.

Another board said there were 273 days before assembly of the test train starts. This deadline is vital. A good run on the test track is crucial to solving teething problems. Those who remember BR's attempt at tilt technology, the disastrous Advanced Passenger Train, will appreciate this.

Richard Branson appears relike to see everything delivered on time. We have to accept there is always a possibility of some slippage. At this stage we are hopeful and confident."

He hopes the trains will enable Virgin Trains to take business from short-hauf airlines, especially on the London to Manchester route. But if they are late or faulty, his rivals will have a field day. The clock is ticking.

ADAM JONES

Storm rising

FEELINGS obviously run high on emerging stock mar-kets, because the latest Reuters survey of fund managers' attitudes there was subject to some ill-mannered heckling when it was launched at the City's Drapers' Hall yester-day. Stephen Parker, of Tempest Consultants, which drew up the report, was just essaying a mild defence, pointing out that not all stocks quoted on such markets had fallen. when an unidentified member of the audience started to query his research.

The heckler's anger is under-



"It's from Camelot They want us to print fewer scratch cards and more P45s"

standable if, as one must suppose, he is an emerging market analyst, because the Reuters data show that he has a three in four chance of being surphis to requirements. The survey quizzed fund

managers around the world on their opinions of analysts. A total of 2,696 of these, or 76 per cent, identified by Tempest received no votes at all, and no indication that the managers even knew they existed.

Instead, the work is going to the same big names - you know which ones. Both fund managers and corporations had Merrill Lynch in top slot.

A KIND letter from NatWest expressing concern about the health of The Times football team. Year 2000, Are you ready?" worries Peter Ibbetson, head of small business services. A quarter of such companies think the millennium bug is "primarily an IT/compunng issue", but it is not.

As it happens our team hasn't been doing 100 well, and some of the players' movements are a bit robotic I ring Nat-West, but it is merely a roundrobin fired off to all 400,000 of its husiness customers. I check with the team captain anyway. "The way we're going, the mil-



lennium bug will soon be playing for us," he says.

Calling off
The first week of December

will not be an easy time for Chris Gent, chief executive of Vodafone, December 4 will be bad enough, when the MMC reports on charges in the mobile phone market. But Gent has one more financial hurdle to cross the previous day. That is when he will receive details of the settlement following his divorce, he told a City audience yesterday.

Box of tricks MIKE GRABINER, chief execunive of Energis, was asked

an ONdigital box for his television. After all, anyone in the telecoms business must already have the comucopia of channels the industry has per-suaded itself we all want. No. not yet, he said — apparently there is a shortage of the things, and he has yet to track

Grabiner was being too modest. He need only pick up the phone to his younger broth-er Stephen, who is chief executive of ONdigital.

AFTER my note about Bernie Ecclestone and the use of the obscure word "novated" in his prospectus, my attention is drawn to a full-page ad in the Financial Times taken out by CSFB haiting the Chrysler-Daimler Benz merger. The shares "are the first to

trade worldwide with complete fungibility", it announces. I wonder whether to call Rentokil, but instead check further. From the Latin word fungor, meaning to occupy oneself, it means interchangeable. Not an uncommon word on the bond markets, my informant says. "But you have to be a pretty sad train-spotter to put a word like fungibility in a E20.000 advertisement.

New cuisine THE cult of the celebrity chef reached new heights at Guildwhether he had yet obtained hall for the Lord Mayor's Ban-

quet Speech. Rather than the usual rubber chicken, the food, in a notable first, was by Anton Mosimann.

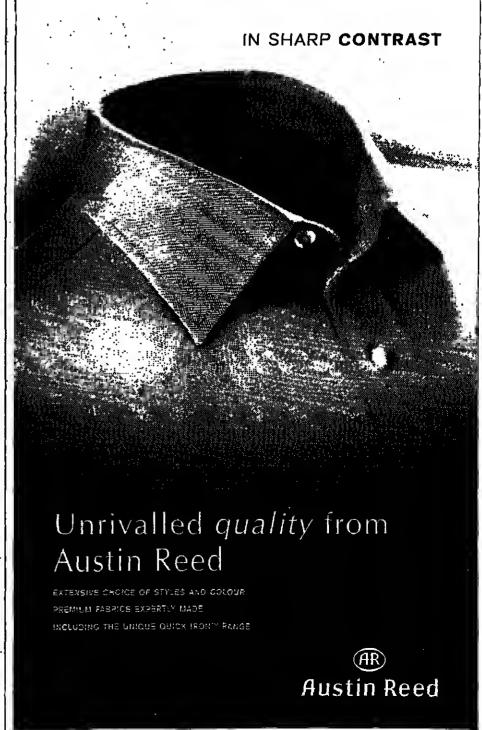
Lord Levene of Portsoken, Tony Blair, Peter Mandelson and all the rest tucked into the usual minimalist stuff, on plates so grand that they probably had to count them all at the end to make sure none of the assembled worthies made off with one.

And then, incredibly, Mosimann himself did a tour of the banqueting hall, looking as if he was paying court at his own restaurant. He was done up in full chef's regalia, white hat, the works, and left to a round of applause. All very

MARTIN WALLER



Anton Mosimann did a lour of the tables at Guildhall



Fall in consumer confidence hits Northern Foods

BY ROBERT COLE, CITY CORRESPONDENT

sector also felt the chill.

average gained ground.

iod last year.

The bleak trading environ-

ment undermined profits at

Northern Foods in the six

months to September 30. The

company made pre-tax profits

of £40.2 million against £42

million in the comparable per-

However, the direct cause of

terest charges. Money bor-

NORTHERN FOODS, the supplier of prepared foods to Marks & Spencer and other su-permarket grocers, sent a shiver through the food producing sector yesterday by warning of weakening con-

sumer confidence.

The group also said that the crucial Christmas trading was late to start.

Lord Haskins of Skidby, the long-time Labour supporter who chairs the group, said that the sales trend had softened in the second quarter compared to the first, and that the drift continued in October and November.

Marks & Spencer takes about one third of the foods produced by Northern. Lord Haskins refused to comment on any possible effects on Northern of the current board power play at M&S.

However, he said that the retailer's plans to increase the

pansion and the purchase of amount of its space it dedi-cates to food ought to bolster capital equipment sent debt levels to £206 million from £150 million. The interest bill climbed to £8.1 million from Northern's prospects. Shares in Northern fell nearly 8 per cent yesterday from 1671/2p to 155p but others in the

£2.5 million. The harsher outlook on the second half of the year also Hillsdown fell 5½p to 85p: United Biscuits slipped 13p at 237p and Hazlewood Foods lost 9p. prompted analysts to cut their forecasts for full-year profits. Consensus opinion had been or nearly 7 per cent, to close at that Northern would made about £101 million in the year 1254 p.
The food producers' sector to March 31. After yesterday's news, forecasts are that Northindex closed down 2 per cent on a day the FISE All Share ern will make only about £95

> million. Last year profits, restated to take account of the demerger of Express Dairies, the milk business, were £83 million.

Earnings per share in the half year were 5.19p against 5.55p. The half-time dividend is lifted, however, 4 per cent to the profits fall was higher in-

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Jo Stewart, Northern Foods chief executive, left, with Sean Christie, finance director

C&W lifted by Optus debut in Australia

CABLE & WIRELESS, the British cable and telecoms group, yesterday saw its stake in C&W Optus valued at A\$4.8 billion (51.8 billion) after the Australian mobile phone group's trading debut on the stock market.

The company's shares fin-ished their first day on the market at A\$2.65, a 43 per cent premium to their retail price when the company launched

its flotation.

The flotation of C&W Optus. in which C&W owns a 52 per cent stake, was possible only because Dick Brown, chief executive of the British company, managed to persuade the Australian Government to change the law on foreign ownership of telecoms groups.

Yesterday's strong performance propelled C&W Optus firmly into the ranks of Australia's top 15 companies with a market capitalisation of

"It's come on at a pretty strong price, there's no doubt

about that, "Tim Ryan, an analyst at Credit Suisse Asset Management, said.

The floration gave a boost to-C&W, which has invested about A\$3 billion in Optus since it was set up in January 1992. Some analysts estimated that the British company made a nominal profit of about A\$1.8 billion on the float. Shares in C&W rose on the London stock market by

3½p 10 69lp. C&W Optus's success also underlined the change in em-phasis of the Australian stock market from the natural resources sector to finance and telecoms. The listing of C&W Optus comes a year to the day after the flotation of Australia's largest telecoms group — and C&W Optus's biggest rival - Telstra Corporation.

Telstra, which is still partly owned by the Australian Government, achieved a 37 per cent premium on its first day of trading, and has doubled its share price over the past year.

Barlow considers move to London

By SAEED SHAH

BARLOW, the South African industrial group, said that it would consider moving its primary listing to London, joining a growing tide of firms seeking to move from the Johannesburg exchange.

However, the company, which has a secondary listing in London, emphasised that no decision had been made yet and that there was no timeta-

ble for any move. Tony Phillips, chief executive, said: "Given that 57 per cent of our profit comes from outside South Africa, we would be irresponsible to our shareholders if we are not looking at it . . . we have not made any application to the Government and the Reserve Bank as yet, but we will consider it."

He said there was enormous potential to expand the group's business overseas.

Mark Drewell, bead of corporate communications, said a London listing "made sense" in terms of raising finance but he added that Barlow had no need for additional funds at the present time.

The 57 per cent non-South African contribution to Barlow's attributable profits, for the year to September 30, was up from 37 per cent the previous year.

Pre-tax profit for the period was L071 billion rand (about £107 million), down from R1.232 billion. Turnover was up 19 per cent at R20.538 billion. An increased number of shares in issue meant earnings per share declined by 3 per cent to 321.5 cents. A final dividend of 88 cents was declared, making a total dividend of 124 cents for the year. unchanged from last time.

FirstGroup accelerates 27% despite disruptions

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

FIRSTGROUP, the passenger transport operator, saw its profits jump 27 per cent in the first half, despite severe disrupoons on its train services in the North West.

Moir Lockhead, chief executive, said that the "significant operational difficulties" on its First North Western services, which attracted the attention of Opraf, the Rail Regulator, and John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, had kept passenger growth to about 4 per cent in the first half, against a forecast of 6 per cent. He said that by early September operating performance was restored.

Pre-tax profit in the six months to September 30 rose to £38.1 million (£30 million), reflecting the group's high level of acquisitions. Diluted earnings per share rose from 7.2p to 7.7p. The company is paying an interim dividend of 2.5p (2.2p).

Mr Lockhead said that its first overseas operation, running buses in Hong Kong, had been launched successfully and that the company is looking for other overseas opportunities.



Lockhead: successful launch

Enterprise sales defy flat market

By Dominic Walsh

ENTERPRISE INNS. the without the "distractions" of fast-growing tenanted pub operator, yesterday defied the gloom pervading the beer sec-tor with an 8 per cent jump in like-for-like sales in the year to September 30.

Its optimism was in stark contrast to Mansfield Brewery, where comparable sales in its tenanted estate were down 1.3 per cent and were 7.3 per cent lower in its managed pubs arm. Mansfield's profits also took a £1.2 million hit from the economic crisis in Russia, the biggest export market for its beer.

Enterprise, which has dou bled in size to more than 1.800 pubs over the past two years. reported a 56 per cent rise in tionals to £22.5 million from turnover up from £60.3 millioo to £80.8 million. Earnings per share reached 264p (20.7p) and a final dividend of 5.6p

makes a total of 8.4p (7%p). There was a charge of £3.3 million from the integration of Gibbs Mew, which it acquired in February, including

about 50 redundancies. Ted Tuppen, chief executive, attributed the strong likefor-like sales growth to a focus on tenanted and leased pubs,

brewing or managed houses. "We haven't discovered any magic. We're just doing our job effectively," he added.

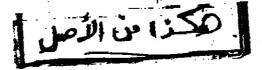
Mr Tuppen said that the group, which recently bought Mayfair Taverns for £37.4 million, continued to seek acquisi-tions. He declined to comment on possible targets, but is understood to have decided against bidding for the tenanted estates put up for sale by Vaux and Greenalls.

A less unbeat note was sounded by Mansfield, which vesterday reported a 4 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £11.1 million in the half year to September 26. Excluding the Russian problems, pre-tax profits were up 6.7 per cent to £12.3 million from turnover 1.6 per cent higher at £89.5 million.

A dire summer and faltering consumer confidence hit trading at its pubs and contributed to a 1.9 per cent decline in beer volumes. Sir David White, Mansfield's chairman, said there were "not yet any mdications of market improvements at home or abroad".

Earnings per share were 3.7 per cent lower at 12.39p, although it has lifted the interim dividend to 2.5p (2.35p).





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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

US media company to buy **TMBG**

By Manus Costello

THE speculation surrounding The Media Business Group, the advertising planner, came to an end yesterday as the company announced that a £27.9 million cash offer has been agreed, making million-aires of its founder and its

managing director.

The bid comes through Mediacom/TMBG, a newly formed company that will become a subsidiary

of Grey Advertising, the US media group.
The offer of 107p per share represents a premium of 40 per cent on Monday day's closing price of 76%p. Shares of Media Business Group have been trad-ing erratically, peaking at 134/2p in March following the announcement of take-

over talks, but falling back

in early October when the

deal was called off. Stephen Allan, managing director, said that the volatility of the equities market had disrupted the deal in October but that "the break in negotiations made both parties realise

this was a good move". Mr Allan holds 9 per cent of the company and stands to make more than £2.5 million from the deal. Allan Rich, who founded the company in 1975

and is currently chairman and chief executive, holds 33 per cent of shares. He will make more than £8.5 million from the deal. The Media Business Group plans and buys ad-

vertising time and space in various media, and has clients including Ikea and Last year the group showed pre-tax profits of

of £171 million Analysts said that the offer had been expected at up to 120p per share earlier in the year, but that the agreed price was "sen-sible".

£2.1 million on a turnover

Alstom slides on fears of shrinking Asian markets

SHARES in Alstom, the Anglo-French engineer formerly known as GEC Alsthorn, fell by almost 9 per cent yester-day after the company fuelled market fears of a shrinking Asian order book.

The news came as the group announced its first re-sults since it floated in June. Pierre Bilger, president, gave warning that orders for goods with a short-term cycle were likely to slow over the next two years and the

P&S sees

no sign of

recession

BY RAYMOND SNODDY

PORTSMOUTH & Sunder-

land Newspapers, the region-

nues were continuing to rise. Charles Brims, chief execu-

not seen any sign in any of our businesses of an economic downturn." P&S is, however,

less dependent than most re-gional newspaper groups on classified job advertisements.

The company announced a 62 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £9.6 million in the six

Operating profits from regional newspapers rose by 37 per cent to £6.3 million on reve-

nues up 13 per cent at £35.1 mil-

lion. Contract printing revenue

rose by a third to £7 million.

One Stop Community Stores, P&S's convenience

store business, increased oper-

ating profits by 26 per cent to

£2.5 million on revenue up 18

The company, which already has 201 One Stop Stores,

plans to open at least 40 more

a year for the foreseeable fu-

per cent to £66.2 million.

months to September 26.

and longer-term contracts, notably in Asia, would also

Some 21 per cent of Alstom's export business is with Asia, and some analysts have been concerned that this could be hit by the depreciation of Asian currencies.

The warning came on the back of the announcement of increased net income for the six months to September 30 up 15 per cent to 120 million ecus (£85.7 million) on sales down 2 per cent to 6.35 billion ecus. However, when figures from Cegelec, the French engi-neering business bought at the time of the company's flo-tation are stripped out, Al-stom's first-half results were

12 per cent lower.
Mr Bilger predicted that net income for the full year would be in the range of 285 to 315 million ecus, at the lower end of analysts' expecta-

He said the company was preparing itself for falling or-ders by reinforcing and accel-erating its cost-reduction pro-

gramme. Future restructur-ing plans include possible redundancies in the UK and abroad following on from the 5,000 workers already laid off

over the past year.

"We are aiming to double the group's US sales to some 2 billion ecus and are not excluding further acquisitions there," he said.

Alstom is active in industrial engineering such as power stations, high-speed trains and metro systems.

The company's new orders, which usually do not generate

years, rose to 7.27 billion ecus from 6.40 billion ecus last year, boosting the total order book to 16.02 billion ecus or

17.3 months of work.

The company yesterday also announced a contract worth over 200 million ecus to design and supply two 900-megawatt boilers for a new power plant outside Shanghai, China.

Paris and New York, yester-day closed at Fri37.8 (£14.72).

ALL'SUISSE-LONZA Holding, the Swiss aluminium, packaging and chemicals maker, vesterday confirmed it was in aging and chemicals maker, vesterday confirmed it was in talks with Viag, the German conglomerate, on some kind of co-operation. There has been speculation that Viag, which has a market value of about £12 billion, may make a £5 billion offer for Alusuisse. 'These discussions have involved varying degrees of co-operation, and have not resulted in any concrete agreement.' Alustices, which also calls itself Alumin, said uegrees of co-operation, and have not resulted in any concrete agreement." Alusuisse, which also calls itself Algroup, said. Viag has a core energy utility business but is also a telecommunications provider and has industrial activities in aluminimum.

Shares in the Alstorn. which is quoted in London,

Good growth at Rebus

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in Ebner, Switzerland's best-known corporate raider, had

bought a 6.3 per cent stake.

REBUS, the IT applications and services company, yesterday said that it was continuing to generate excellent growth as it announced pre-tax profits up 32 per cent to £3.7 million for the six months to September 30. Turnover was up 19 per cent to £48.23 million. Earnings per share were 2.37p (1.96p) and the company declared an interim dividend of 0.77p (0.70p). Harold Cottam, chairman, said that the company would stick to its strategy of increasing its five divisions and had no plans for any large acquisitions. REBUS, the IT applications and services company, yesterday

HW remains bullish

HW GROUP, the specialist recruitment consultancy that floated in June, yesterday reported a 56 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to E1.9 million for the six months to September 30. The profit to £1.9 million for the six months to septemoer 30. The company said: "Despite economic uncertainty, trading overall remains buoyant. We view the likelihood of skills shortages disappearing as a very remote possibility." HW Group said gross fee income was up 56.2 per cent to £27.6 million, Basic earnings per share were 5.8p (6.3p) and the company declared an interim dividend of lp.

Helical Bar on the up

HELICAL BAR, the property developer, yesterday reported profits up 24 per cent to £8.2 million for the six months to September 30, with turnover little changed at £60.2 million (£60.1 million). The company said that while financial market turmoil had meant "the outlook for rental growth has undoubtedly deteriorated", it did present the chance to buy opportunisocally. In the first half, net rental income was 5 per cent higher at £9.0 million. The dividend was raised to 4p from 3.5p, with earnings per share up 51 per cent to 25.2p.

Great Portland ahead

GREAT Portland Estates, the property developer, said yester-day that conditions in the markets in which it operates had not deteriorated, despite world economic problems. The company said it expects to report second-half results broadly in line with those in the first half, Great Portland saw net rental income increase 8 per cent to £55.9 million in the six months to September 30. Pre-tax profits jumped to £23.4 million from £15.4 million last time. Earnings per share were 5.7p (3.3p) and the company declared an interim dividend of 3p (2.9p).



Challenger. Martin Jay, who revealed that turnover at Vosper's support services arm rose by 78 per cent in the past six months

Strong orders boost Vosper

VOSPER THORNYCROFT, the warship builder, yesterday said it had enough orders to guarantee work for the next two years as the company diversfies out of its traditional

Vosper's order book has jumped from £163 million in March to £653 million, supporting both work in support services and shipbuilding.

Support services, which works on military outsourcing contracts, is worth more than £400 million.

Vosper, whose chief executive is Martin Jay, is aiming for support services to bring in half of the company's reve-nue. At present it delivers 43 per cent of sales after turnover in the division increased 78 per cent in the six months to

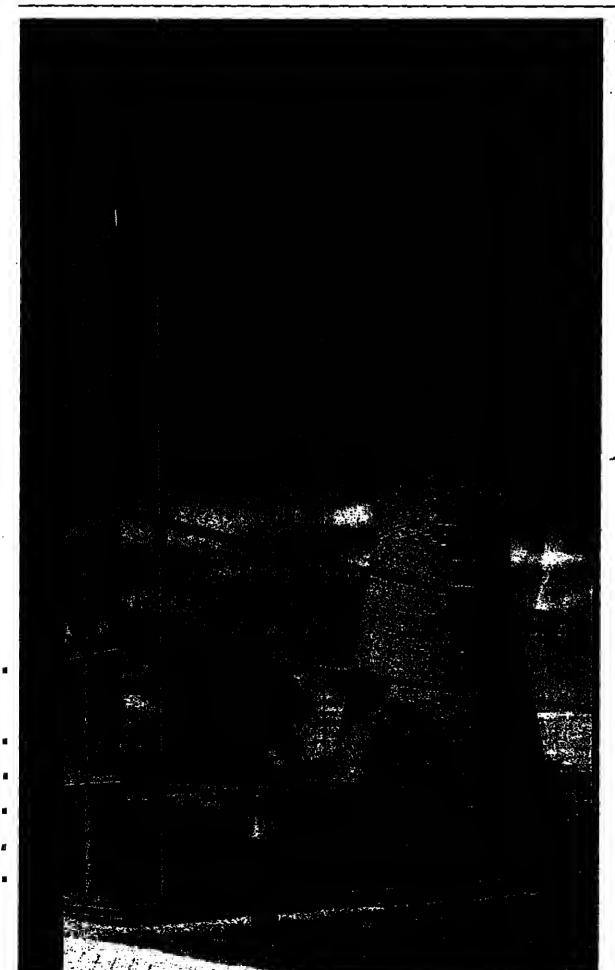
the same period last year. Vosper is looking to spend

up to £50 million on new businesses which would fit in with its drive to forge a broader company. Industry experts believe a sale of Vickers's marine propulsion operatioo could be possible after Vickers sold Rolls-Royce cars and amid consolidation in the in-

September 30 compared with dustry. Vosper has also said it would work with other companies in joint initiatives.

In the half year it increased pre-tax profits by 7 per cent to £14.8 million with earnings per share rising 8 per cent to 30kp. The interim dividend, payable on January 13, was lifted 9 per cent to 9p.

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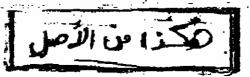
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Top dog with an eye on the downside

Actor George Clooney has a novel way of dealing with

fame — he assumes it won't last. Martyn Palmer reports

a reputation as a regular guy. Take pleached his hair blond after losing a basketball game. "The next morning I tried col-ouring it back and it was im-possible," he says. "It was like every colour in the world. I was in the chair for six hours and when it was finished my hair was calico.

And what about the lovemaking scenes he shot with his co-star Jennifer Lopez in his new film. Out of Sight? Clooney managed to ease the usual tension by cracking jokes before and after the cameras were rolling. "George likes to keep things light," Lopez says. "Filming those scenes is weird and can be difficult, but with George it's a lot easier ... That man is fun."

Yet it would be wrong to assume that the 37-year-old actor is coasting through life. When it comes to his career Clooney is serious, and seriously trying to find out where, exactly, he fits into the Hollywood scheme of things.

You come on set with me and there will be a lot of joking and kidding around," he says.
"Life is too short for us not to enjoy it and not to make fun of how ridiculous it can be at times and how ridiculous I can be at times. Don't get me wrong: I love this business, but it can be silly in lots of ways. But because of that people think you don't take something seriously and it doesn't mean that at all."

He is also aware of just how fickle fame and fortune can be. He may be flavour of the month right now - or rather, flavour of the past four years since he joined the hit television series, ER - but according to Clooney that will not last. He learnt that lesson the hard way, as he struggled to make the break early in his career. And, importantly, from observing two members of his own family — his father Nick. a TV news anchorman who found himself out of a job after being built up as a small-town celebrity, and his aunt, the 1950s singer Rosemary Clooney, who lost much of her fortune through bad investments.

"If you are lucky you get a ten-year run and if you are really lucky you get a 20-year run. But there aren't many Paul Newmans out there, you know, 70-year-old guys who still get the best scripts. Most somewhere going: 'I was very famous! Everyone liked me! I was the sexiest man alive!"

His pessimistic attitude has led him to be extremely careful with his millions: "I stick my money in the bank. I put it there and watch it."

But while his wealth may be secure, finding a niche in films has proved rather more difficult. In ER, Clooney displays ease and charm alongside a strong ensemble cast. Riding on the back of the show's enormous popularity, he returned to the big screen determined to wipe out the memory of his earlier, failed movies. So there were big-budget outings like The Peacemaker, with Nicole Kidman, One Fine Day with

At the time ER took off I was 34 and had eight failed TV shows behind me

Michelle Pfeiffer and Batman and Robin. None lived up to box-office expectations and Batman took a critical mauling. "I think I buried that franchise," he says with admirable honesty. "I doubt very much that they will bring it back."

Now, he feels, he should concentrate on smaller budget. character-driven films. Out of Sight, although a studio production, felt like an independent movie, he says, and director Steven Soderbergh was allowed to work the way he wanted without interference from above. Clooney feels the result is his best film to date.

You get involved in a \$120 million movie and you don't have any influence," he says. "With the studios there are of-ten ten different chiefs all making notes, not all of them being creative. The independent world often has better

projects. Out of Sight opened in America in the summer and did reasonably well at the box office. Perhaps more importantly for Clooney, the critics loved it. This was a performance that proved he could deliver on the big screen. Cloon-

went wrong. Then Foley breaks out and takes a federal marshal (Lopez) hostage. In a key scene, both are spooned together in the boot of a getaway car and the attraction, if somewhat unlikely, is instant and convincing. While Clooney's pairing with more high-profile actresses, such as Kidman and Pfeiffer, did not ignite, this time the onscreen chemistry works. "It's essential that it works," says Clooney. "But you can't plan for it because it

comes down to luck."

Clooney is now finishing his last full series as a regular on ER. He will return for guest appearances in future, but he feels he has honoured his commitment to the show and now is the time to move on. "I love those guys," he says. "We have a great time and I don't want to sever all my connections. But the show will probably run for another eight or nine years and they need new blood; they have to keep reinventing it or it will die."

He is, however, keen to point out that although ER made him a star, he had certainly served his time before being cast as Dr Doug Ross. Born in Kentucky and raised in Ohio. he drifted into acting after college. When he first arrived in Hollywood, in the early 1980s, Clooney found out for himself how tough the business could be. There were pilots for TV shows that mostly failed to make it to a series and films, such as Grizzly II and Attack of the Killer Tomatoes, that hardly set the movie world on fire. "At the time ER took off I was 34, had eight failed TV shows behind me and I had been working in the business for 13 or 14 years."

oday he lives happily in Hollywood with his girlfriend, the French law student Celine Balitran, 26. They have no plans to marry - Clooney was married once before, for three years, to the actress Talia Balsam - but are perfectly happy sharing his nine-bedroom mansion, complete with basketball court. 'I like it in Los Angeles. This is where I found all my friends; where I found success and where I've

been treated very well."

Now Clooney is moving on to the next phase of his career without the safety net of ER to fall back on. Early next year he will work with Soderbergh again on Leatherheads, a romantic comedy centred on American foothall

"I feel more comfortable about my choices now," he says. "Even though every one of the first few projects I did while I was doing ER was a great break for me, Out of Sight was the first one that was about me sitting and waiting for a great project. The payoff is that it's a great movie." Out of Sight opens in Britain on Nov 27



Rapt in vivid sound colours

Heavy on

the Gallic

JAZZ

tar, trumpet and saxophone solos soaring over a dainty web of softly tinkling strings

Tinkling strings — this time from the Breton harp of Kristen Nogues — also fea-

tured strongly in her concert with British

reeds player John Surman. His ability to blend one of the purest soprano sounds in

the music with the quietest of instruments

stood him in good stead when combining with Nogues's subtle virtuosity.

and gentle percussion.

f Morrissey was the king of indie during the 1980s. David Gedge was the prince. His band the Wedding Present counterpointed the grand romanticism of the Smiths with an earthier, kitchen sink schtick.

But while the sovereignty of Gedge's songsmithery is as apparent now as it was back then, the paucity of the crowd in Whelan's bar last Friday night suggests that increasingly fewer subjects are pledging

allegiance.
That said, Cinerama are only a sabbatical from the Wedding Present for Gedge and have thus far kept a very low profile, with their album

THE climax to the London Jazz Festival, a

series of concerts performed by French musicians under the umbrella title

Vagues Nouvelles, might have been specif-

ically designed to counter the notion that

the presence of substantial quantities of

so-called "world music" in the festival's

programming was an indication of how impoverished jazz had become. Jazz has always welcomed cross-pollination, and the

contemporary French scene is one of the

most hospitable — and consequently one of the most vibrant — in the world.

The French contingent was spearhead-

ed by guitarist Nguyen Le, born in Paris

of Vietnamese parents. Le is as thoroughly imbued with the raw power and im-

provisational fluency of Jimi Hendrix as with the filigree delicacy and formal poise

of his parents' musical traditions, so the

music resulting from the combination is utterly beguiling, with unrestrained gui-

Whelan's, Dublin

Va Va Voom sneaking into the shops during the summer almost unnoticed. Lyrically, the same scenar-

ios are played out - Gedge castigating girlfriend over her infidelity. Gedge apologising to girlfriend for his - but musically Cinerama are widescreen Technicolor where the Wedding Present are plain old black and white, with two keyboards and a flute striving to

such as the Lightning Seeds. But then Gedge has rarely stood still: the Wedding Present's major label debut was a 10in LP of Ukrainian folk music, and 1991's superb Seamonsters saw them work with Steve Albini and go grunge. But Gedge's new incarnation adds another string to his stylistic bow, with songs like the venomous Hare cloaked in the sheepish cloth-

ing of countryish slide guitar. Me Next, though, with its liliing flute and airy synth melodies, is perhaps more repre-

Although there are six musi-

create the lush ultra-pop nor- cians on stage, Cinerama are mally associated with bands officially a duo - Gedge's partner. Sally Murrell, is adept at keyboards, harmonies and, on the slowly captivating Ears, lead vocals. Hard, Fast And Beautiful, though, is one of a number of songs which have graduated from the Wedding Present school of guitar wigouts, although there are no acrual Wedding Present songs in

And, as usual, there are no encores, giving Gedge more time to sign T-shirts after the gig for the small but loyal army of serious-minded indie

NICK KELLY

The blending perceptible in the music of violinist Dominique Pifarely and pianist François Conturier was intramusical between jazz and contemporary classi-cal music — rather than intercultural. Touching on bases ranging from free jazz through to the most strict notation that demanded performances of thrilling precision, quick-wittedness and elegance, their music was at once formal and passionate, supple, sparkling and exquisite.

As an embodiment of eclecticism and vibrancy, however, the festival's concluding attraction, the trio comprising reedsman Louis Sclavis, bassist Henri Texier and drummer Aldo Romano - was hard to beat. The band's music combined all the wild improvisational energy of the best of contemporary jazz with the sheer vitality and punch of a power trio.

A live and kicking tradition

Nigel

Williamson gets into the swing of

the Jewish

Music Festival

▼ lezmer, the Jewish music of Eastern Europe almost wiped out during the Holocaust, today has an appeal that reaches far beyond its traditional cultural ghetto. That it survived at all was mostly due to Jewish emigrés to America who got out before Hitler destroyed their communities, and a few brave souls who kept the music alive as an underground phenomenon in the Soviet Union, despite its suppression by the Communist authorities.

The clarinettist Gregori Schechter comes from the latter tradition, having emigrated from Kazakhstan to Israel in 1987 before settling in Britain. Halfway through the ninth London International Jewish Music Festival, which runs until the end of the month and includes 30 concerts, plus dance and film events, workshops, lectures and exhibitions. Schechter has proved himself one of klezmer's most charismatic stars. Last week his Klezmer Rhan-

sody for clarinet and orchestra, specially commissioned for the festival by the Jewish Musical Heritage Trust, was premiered at the Barbican. Sandwiched between works by two great Jewish composers, Gershwin and Bernstein. the concerto married traditional melodies (in which somewhere during the last century the clarinet replaced the violin as the principal instrument) with lush orchestral arrangements. Counterpoised against a marvellously sympathetic performance by the Oxford Philomusica, Schechter's clarinet conveyed the full gamut of human emotion, sometimes melancholic and sobbing, at other times uplifting as it picked up the giddy tempi of Yiddish dances.

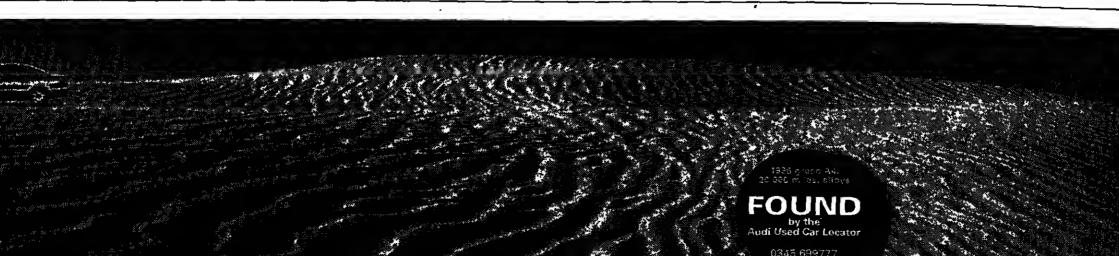
his week Schechter took over Islington's Union Chapel without the orchestra but with his fivepiece Klezmer Festival Band. Drawing upon the same musical roots as the concerto, this was the party version, and it was not long before he had the audience on its feet doing a traditional Yiddish circle dance around the pews. The band played mostly dance music featuring the different tempi of the freylekh, the bulgar and the sirba - otherwise known as fast, very fast and furious.

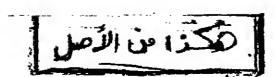
Between numbers Schechter wove fascinating stories about the music's provenance (the tune 7.40, he told us, was named after the timing of a famous bank robbery in Odessa) and, although on both nights his audience was predominantly Jewish, his style and panache easily enabled him to reach out to a more diverse audience.

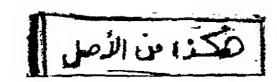
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of the American Musical







Fit as the finest fiddles The charmers I the Barbican twice over. but perhaps the real star of this show was the small. Stooping figure who followed him on to the stage.

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Morrison welcomes two

revelatory books about the great violin-makers

A live and kicking tradition he words "Strad" and "priceless" go together as naturally as Yehudi and Menuhin. True, no musical instrument has yet broken through the million-pound barrier at auction (£947,000 is the record). But the finest of the violins made around 300 years ago by the master craftsman of Cremona do change hands for several million pounds apiece in private deals.

Mystique and hype doubiless play their part in the cult of the Strad. There are many fine violinists who claim that, for sheer tonal richness, the 1,000 violins made by Antonio Stradivari are eclipsed by the 150-odd surviving fiddles of his far less worldly Cremonese neighbour Giuseppe Guarneri del Gesù. Indeed, some of the most prominent virtuosi in his-tory, including Paganini, Heif-etz and Kreisler, preferred to play Guarneris.

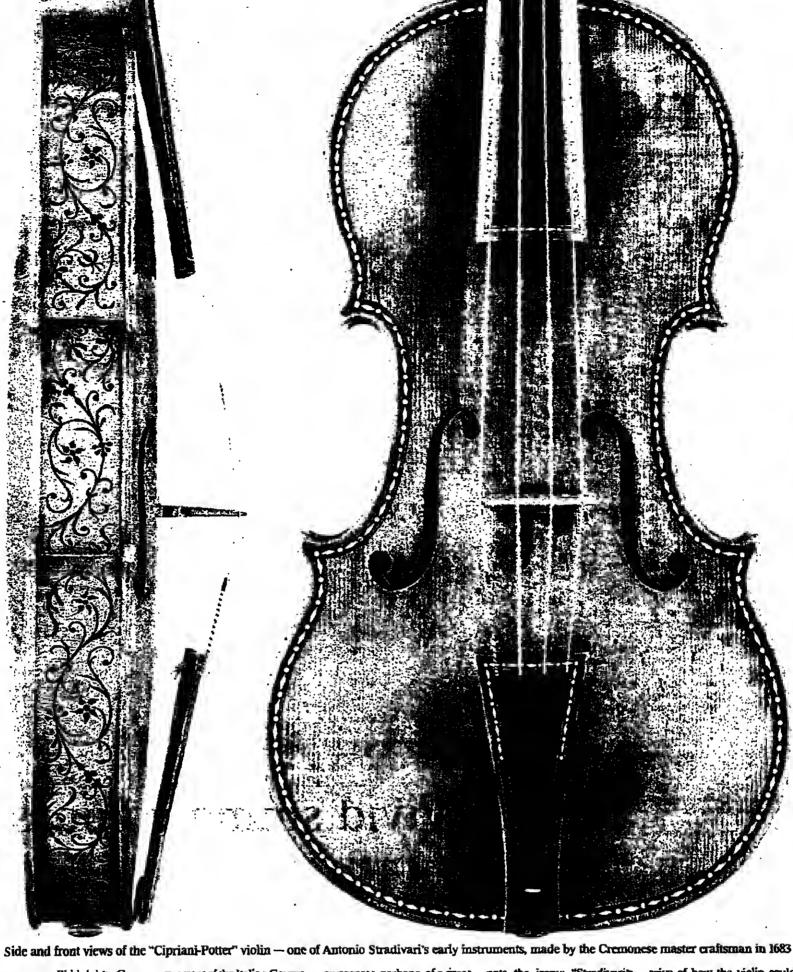
Then there are the historians who say that yet another Cremonese family workshop. the Amatis, deserve a greater slice of posterity's respect than they are usually accorded. Preceding both Stradivari and Guarneri, the Amati family pioneered the shape and sound of the fiddle as we know it to-

And finally there are the who maintain that there is no "lost secret" about the art of violin-making as practised in early 18th-century Cremona. They believe (with some justification) that, after a lean couple of centuries, superb violins are again being crafted. And if these instruments don't yet carry the gilt-edged investment potential of the Strads and Guarneris (the world record price for a modern instrument is still under £20,000), so much the better. Musicians can afford to buy them.

uch arguments will be with the publication dealer Peter Biddulph of two remarkable books. The first is a study of Guarneri's life and art, gorgeously illustrated with frontwards, backwards and sideways photographs of 25 of his instruments. Four years ago, to mark the 250th anniversary of Guarneri's death, Biddulph brought together these instruments in a never-to-be-repeated exhibition at the Metropolitan Muse-

um of Art in New York. This two-volume book, published in a limited edition of 2,000, commemorates that achievement with essays and masses of technical detail, but chiefly with staggeringly beau-tiful life-size photographs. It comes at a pretty staggering price, too: £800 if you want the leatherbound version, or a mere £400 in cloth. Yet even before its official publication Biddulph has sold 850 copies.

And just as the Cremonese makers spurred each other on to still more remarkable instru-



ments, so Biddulph's Guarneri project had an entirely unexpected repercussion for Stradivari scholars. Guarneri's life is poorly documented, and many enigmas sur-round his work. So at the time of the Met exhibition Biddulph commissioned two scholars, Carlo Chiesa and Duane Rosengard, to scour Cremona's archives for documents that might shed more

light on his genius.
They did make a sensational discovery, but not about Guarneri. Hidden away in a dusty official file, probably unopened for 250 years (somewhat to the subsequent embarrassment of the Italian Government), was the last will and testament of Antonio Stradivari.

Dated January 1729, it consists of a manuscript written in Stradivari's own hand, and three subsequent revisions. These, splendidly illustrated with facsimiles, translations and interpretations by Chiesa and Rosengard, form the con-tent of Biddulph's second book: The Stradivari Legacy (a comparative snip at £200 leatherbound or £100 clothbound).

Taken together, the wills offer a fascinating glimpse of the tensions inside the Stradivari family and workshop - an

awareness, perhaps, of a great era drawing to an end - as well as an insight into the old master's mind as he wrestled with the question of who should take on the family business when he died. Sublime craftsman he might have been, but he comes across as a ghastly father, carrying a life-long grudge against his most independent son, Omobono, for a two-year jaunt to Naples that the young man had undertaken some 30 years earlier.

In the event, the golden age of the Cremonese makers came crashing to an end with Stradivari's death, eight years later. Chiesa and Rosengard note the irony: "Stradivari's long productive life and prolonged dominance had the perhaps unintentional effect of bringing the whole Cremonese violin trade to its knees."

If Stradivari had not been such a supremely gifted car-penter and ruthless businessman, would the Amati and Guarneri families have carried on making superb violins through the 18th century and beyond? Possibly. But when you look at the sumptuously glowing photographs in these books - or, better still, when you hear a Strad or Guarneri stroked into soulful song in the ceive of how the violin could be made any more perfect than the way it was made in those Cremona workshops.

Man's genius for coaxing entrancing sounds out of inani-mate material didn't cease to exist after 1737, of course. It simply moved on to fresh delights: the pianoforte, the saxophone, the euphonium, the electric guitar, the synthesizer. All splendid instruments but I think it may be a while before anyone spends £800 on a book about euphoniums.

The Guarneri and Stradivari books can be obtained from Peter Biddulph, 34 St George's St, Lon-don WIR OND (0171-191 8621)

lowed him on to the stage.

The Neapolitan pianist Bruno Canino comes to London all too rarely. It is mostly on disc that one can hear his exquisite artistry, marked by a translucent sound and acute focus. Mozart named his Sonata in D. K306, a "Clavierduetti mit Violin" and indeed it was the planist who caught our atiention, with a performance where every element was in miraculous balance.

Canino provided a bright, virtuoso narrative into which Perlman entered unobtrusively, his brisk, nutry staccato characterising an unshowy ap-proach. His violin sound is lamously weighted towards its bass, and there is a dark core even to his higher range. But if the first movement seemed earthbound, Perlman's palette bloomed in the Andantino cantabile, where his inimitable warmth came through. His way of looping up notes like oldfashioned handwriting can sound jarring in this reper toire, yet it is unselfconscious. More problematic is the uncomfortably wayward tuning on high, loud notes, the wide vibrato, the sense of discontinuity when he plays large-scale works, particularly noticeable in the Strauss Sonata. This ambitious, dramatic



work needs a powerful mo mentum to be convincing. Canino had the piano lid almost closed, which produced a fine balance in most of the programme, but for this work it should have been up: Perlman needed a gargantuan torrent against which to engage, while Canino could produce only a mercurial accompaniment.

The second half dissolved into "An Evening with Itzhak Periman" with two pieces which could have been en-cores, followed by four real encores. Not that he does the entertainer badly: the charm with which he introduced his encores makes you wish he had announced the whole pro-gramme. Still, did his choice of Schnittke's graceful Suite in the Old Style and two short Smetana pieces betray a lack of stamina? Or was it for pleasure? He basked in these works, reserving a degree of communicative intensity for the string of lollipops, a Wienawski Caprice, Tchaikovsky's Humoresque and Jouchim's version of Brahms's first Hungarian Dance. Few do them

HELEN WALLACE

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

MARIE MACLEOD

Age: 18. Profession: Cellist.

Where to hear her? Tonight she's playing Beethoven, Brahms and Bloch at 7pm in Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London EC4, as part of the St Ceciliatide International Festival of Music.

Yet another prodigy? Well, she started the celio at the age of eight, "simply because my school in Woodbridge, Suffolk, was giving free cello les-sons". But she'd expressed an interest in the piano at two, and started music lessons at



five. At it she found herself at the Yehudi Menuhin School

Was that a shock to the system? "Yes, I found it very hard until my third year. Mainly because I didn't like boarding, and there was immense pressure to work. But that's what I needed."

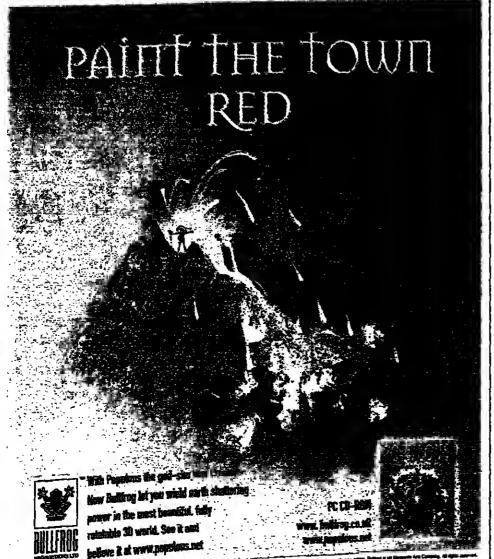
Until now... Just two weeks ago Marie started a four-year degree course in music at the Hochschule, Cologne. "I went there mainly because Frans Helmerson is a professor there. Three years ago I was in his masterclass at the Manchester Cello Fest val, and f was blown away by his teaching."

Other mentors? Steven Isserlis is the main icon. "And Daniel Shafran. His sound is really individual. He made me aware that the cello is above all a vocal instrument."

Current preoccupations? "Apart from tonight's recital, not a lot. I've just changed teacher, so I'm concentrating on changing my technique. That's drastic: all to do with how I hold the bow."

And she composes too? "Ob no! Not any more. I'm not patient enough. But I make jewellery, you know. Earrings, rings - all in silver. I'm trying to find an evening course in Cologne so I can continue with that."

HILARY FINCH



his may have been an extraordinarily rich cen-tury for music, but it has also been a bad century for musicians: indeed, the creativity that comes out of hardship could have been the theme of An Evening of Banned Music at Islington's Union Chapel, Simon Rattle's special presentation under the auspices of Index on Censorship. But this concert was nev-er intended as a comprehensive survey of persecuted com-posers, and the music was al-

owed to speak for itself. Music, of course, says things that words cannot express. That is partly why musical expression has often been feared by regimes. Most po-tent of all is the combination of words and music. This concert opened with Jill Gomez singing a Catalan folk song that long served as a symbol of resistance. Gomez also gave free-spirited accounts of two songs Poulenc wrote in support of the French Resistance; it was a treat to hear Ranle as a piano accompanist.

More powerful, maybe because Shostakovich suffered more, were the Russian composer's Four Monologues based on Pushkin, in which he takes his country's art song tradition and subverts it. Robert Lloyd's singing was magnifi-cently dark, and Eleonora Bekova's piano playing under-lined the music's bleakness.

Non-vocal music was represented in the first half only by four of Conlon Nancarrow's glittering Studies for Player-Pi-

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ano, which range from boog-ie-woogie to impressions of Mexico, the country where he went to live after ill-treatment by American authorities. Rex Lawson pedalled them with energetic precision.

Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time, composed in a Nazi prison-camp, is a triumph of creativity over repres-sion. Rattle was joined by an impressive line-up of Tasmin Little (violin). Lynn Harrell (cello) and Anthony Pay (clari-net) in a performance of shining spirituality.

hichever of Stravin-sky's many and mul-tifaceted theatrical works is the finest, one stands out as easily the most exciting. So it was natural that The Rite of Spring, which sounds as explosive now as it did at its infamous premiere 85 years ago. should have been the score to round off Michael Tilson Thomas's illuminating survey of Stravinsky's Stage Music with

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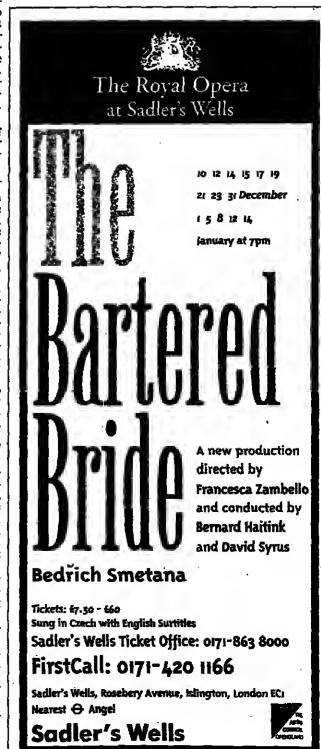
chestra. And coupling it with Perséphone, described by the composer Elliott Carter as "a humanist rite of spring", was an imaginative touch that increased the unseasonal glow of a bleak November evening at the Barbican.

Even without dancers, a sense of theatricality was supplied here by the visual spectacle of a crack ensemble like the LSO. This was a performance of staggering virtuosity, characterised by the biting attack so typical of the band. But right from the opening's quiet, wailing bassoon, it was also notable for the dark, woody sound of the orchestra, evocative of pagan pipes. Tilson Thomas shaped an account that went to the primitive core of the work.

Persephone belongs to another, later phase of Stravin-sky's creative life, and is a much gentler, more humane piece. The score, featuring some of Stravinsky's chastest harmonies and sonorities, has a cool beauty that was brought out by all the performers here.

The London Symphony Chorus and New London Children's Choir were on excellent form. The tenor Stuart Neili had bright and beefy tone appropriate to the declamatory passages of the high priest Eu-molpus. Most of all, the actress Stephanie Cosserat was the radiant embodiment of Perséphone. Tilson Thomas conducted with real feeling for the work's unique style.

JOHN ALLISON



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Guide to arts and entertainment complied by Marit Hargle

LONDON

LITTLE MALCOLM AND HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EUNICHS: Denis Lawson dire

Hampsteed Theatre (0171-722 9301). Opens tonight, 7pm. [6]

THE ROYAL CONCERT: The BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Mark, Weglesworth performs the annual St Ceditatible concert in aid of musicians' charities. Tippett's last orchestral work, The Rose Lake, is followed by Strauss's Four Last Songs and Brahms's Fourth Symphony. With the soprano Joan Rodgers. Festival Hatil (0171-960 4242). Tonght, 7.30pm. (2)

STOMP: Luke Cresswell brings his marvellous percussion troups back to Britain after too tong away. A national use, N1 (0171-420 D171)

CARMEN: Bugles and drums evoke the ceremonies of Southern Spain as the dancers, singers and musicians of Le Cuadra de Sewille returns the tale of the gypsy girl to its Andatusian roots. Salvador Távora's spectacular Rumanco-litavourad production marks the company. I orden debut marks the company's London debut. Sadler's Welts (0171-713 6000). Opens tonight, 8pm. (5)

BELFAST: One of the world's fore-BIGLEAST: Other or the World is stud-most string bands, the Leipzig Quariet, pays a visit to the Festival. The first of two concerts in the Harty Room today (6.15pm) diers a per-formance of Schubert's Death and the Maiden followed by (10pm) music by



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THE BACKROOM; Soho Theatre Co's five plays/four weeks sesson continues with Adrian Pagen's look at Earls Court rent boys. Winner of the Verity Bargate Awart, Pleasance (0171-609 1800).

THE BEST OF TIMES; The Bridewell Theater's enjoyable programme of Jerry Herman songs from La Cage aux Folies, Marne, Mack & Mabel and Heliro Coliy's transiers to the West End, Cast Includes Kethryn Evens. Vaudeville (0171-836 9987).

☐ MY BOY: Tom Conti in John mie's short comedy giving seph's side of the Jesus story ses release calls it "enchantry Much ADO ABOUT EVERY-THING; Jackle Mason's new one-man show, brings a sharp eye and a cutting tongue to the current scene. Playhouse (0171-839 4401), (2) ☐ THE STORM: Susan Lynch, Maggie Steed, Tom Mannion in a revival of Ostrovsky's 1859 drama a citting, passionless marriage.

Heme Macdonald directs. Almeida (0171-359 4404). INTO THE WOODS: Sondbelm's an into Trie woods, softcagen s rightmerish take on fevourite fairy tales. John Crowley directs the winter musical. See review, right. Donmer (0171-369 1732). (5)

Joan Rodgers sings at the Festival Hall

Company's four-day visit here opens with a hiptych of works by Merce Curningham, Christopher Bruce and Stohan Davies.

LIVERPOOL: The award-winning plantst Alexander Melnikov John the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra under Petr Attricther in Mozart's Plane Concerto No 20 in 0 minor. Also on the programme are works by Gluck and Bruckner.
Philharmonic Hall (0151-709 3789).

Theatre Royal (01273 329488). Opens tonight, 7.45pm.

L BRITANNICUS: Diana Rigg and Toby Stephens play the appalling Agrippina and her imperial son Nero in Recine's great political drama, Jonathan Kert directs Robert David MacDonald's translation, Albery (0171-399 1730).

THE INVENTION OF LOVE: John od plays the aged A.E. Hou ing his early sell in Torn Stoppard's gittering play, West End transfer for Alichard Eyre's National Theatre production. Royal, Haymarket (0171-930 8800) A HAROUN AND THE SEA OF STORIES: Salman Hushde's tale for children directed by Tim Supple: a storytellor loses his ability to tell tales and his son must save him. Cottesloe (0171-452 3000), (5)

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the latest movies

NEW RELEASES

aLADE (18): Extravagent, jumbled homor fantasy, tud for a time, with Wesley Snipes as the vampirehunting action hero from the pages of Marvel Coroles, With Stephen Dorff. Director, Stephen Norrington. FEAR ANO LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS (18): Terry Gilliam's Indigestible and wearsome version of Hunter S. Thompson's novel about a journalist on a drugs binge in 1971. With Johnny Depp.

HENRY FOOL (18): Uncor vegebond shakes up dysfunctional New Jersey temity. Whimsical epic from Hal Hartley, with some great moments. With Thomas Jay Ryan, James Urbanlak, and Parker Possy.

HOPE FLOATS (PG): Can Sendre

INSOMNIA (15): Homicide cop with trayed nerves tries to solve a ter

giff's murder, Clever and atmosphe Norwegian thriller. With Stellan Ske gard; director. Enk Skjoldbjærg. LEFT LUGGAGE (PG): Superficial and unbelievable drama about coming to larms with the Holocaust. THE OOD COUPLE II (15): Milely amusing but unnecessary sequel, with Water Matthau and Jack Lemmon as the mismatched pair reunited for a family wedding. Written

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ANTZ (PG): Neurotic ant finds himself a war hero, Ingenious computer-generated enimation, matched to the voices of Woody Allen, Sharon Stone

MY NAME IS JOE (15): Reto awkward romance with a healthcare worker, impassioned marvel from firector Ken Loach. THE EXORCIST (18): The Davil takes possession of 14-year-old Linda Blair. A milestone in movie horror, re-

PRIMARY COLORS (15): John Travolta's presidential candidate into sex scandals. Very polished

SMALL SOLDIERS (PG): Action ligures implanted with US Detence department circus give autorbia a head time, inventive family film laced with adult settre.

Bumpy woodland ride

ssassins, Company, and now Into the Woods: once again the tiny Donmar is aiming to prove that Stephen Sondheim is ill-served by large stages, ample auditori-ums, lavish scenery and the other trappings of the Great White Way. And, yes. when the characters launch into a fiendishly clever lyric that contrives to pack thick, stick, sick, prick, thicket, pick it, thickest and quickest into a 30-word span, one is again grateful for the unmiked cast and the close contact. The only trouble is that, despite John Crowley's brisk direction and his brother Bob's dense coniferous backdrop. Woods won't quite be transformed from an irritatingly uneven musical into a

good, strong one. The first act, though overlong, is enjoyable enough. There are familiar figures among those making journeys of discovery into the Jungian shadows of the woods imag-ined by Sondheim and his librettist, James Lapine. Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and her prince, Jack the Giantkiller-to-be, the prince who falls for Rapunzel, a witch with a withered tree growing from her head and a slice of stag-beetle protruding from her black tattered dress. To these have been added a couple of characters unknown to the Grimms: Nick Holder's Baker, and Sophie Thompson

as his childless wife. Nothing wrong with that. Since this couple have been told by Clare Burt's splendidly malicious witch that they will become fertile only if they collect a red cape, a gold slipper, white cow, the ersatz fairytale



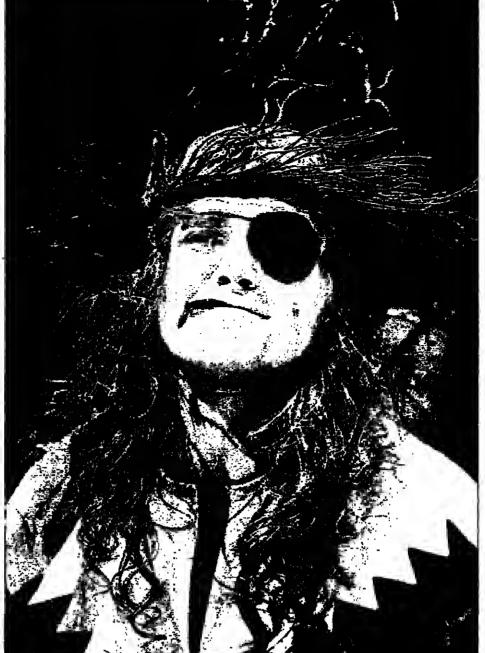
gives unity to the authentic ones. And when Sheridan Smith's pert, blunt, Essex-girl Riding Hood is hobnobbing with Damian Lewis's vaguely paedophiliac Wolf - "there's no possible way to describe what you feel when you're talk-ing to your meal" — the show verges on the irresistible.

But as they showed with Sunday in the Park with

George, Sondheim and Lapine find second halves irksome. For a bit it looks as if we are in for an entertainingly acid study of what happens after happily-ever-after. Rapunzel is badly in need of a shrink to help her to get over being stuck in a tower for years with nothing but a witch and her hair for company. The two princes, having attained seemingly unattainable women and married them, now start yearning for the even less attainable Sleeping Beauty -and express their joint wanderlust in the evening's finest, funniest song, Agony.

But cynicism disappears with the arrival of the Giant's

widow, who makes the stagelights wobble as she hunts down Jack, and Sondheim has nothing believable or interestingly unbelievable to put in its place. The show collapses into a dreadful didactic muddle about the importance of legend, the complexity of truth and goodness, the need to confront problems boldly, the virtues of interdependence, and so on. "No one is alone," cho-



Even Clare Burt's splendid witch can't quite find the magic to lift Sondheim's fairytale

into lines like "my husband's

rus the huddled survivors of the Giantess's tramplings and we seem meant to respond to their upbeat pother as if it were Beethoven's Ode

Silly, pretentious stuff; yet it does come with harmonies that make every other Broad-

somewhere in the woods undoway composer sound unsophisticated and with some thoroughly likeable performances, among them a spindly. aghast mother for Jack from Sheila Reid and, from Thompson, a baker's wife who wryly injects a sense of absurdity

ing a spell". If both had sur-vived the second half, instead of insisting on expiring, maybe the evening would not have sagged so badly.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Mom's here, Sonny

IF IT doesn't win an award for anything else. Sonny Deree's Life Flashes Before His Eyes Bill Bozzone's short, sharp chunk of Taranino comedy at The Room Richmond - V should at least sweep all before it in the otle stakes.

In a seedy motel somewhere near Newark airport, Sonny's grubby life is about to come to a sensational end for the want of \$0,000. The parrots he ordered from Brazil have turned up deep frozen, and the Mafia has sent one of its finest young meatheads to do the honours Mick's speciality is chainsaws. a messy business, but he takes pride in his work.

We arrive at the point where Sonny has run out of phone numbers and Mick is trying to kickstart his chainsaw Ray Macaltan's podgy loser begs of for time on his knees. Out of precisely nowhere comes Sonny's long-lost mother. Emma. with the requisite cash but condioons of her own. She wants Sonny to call her Mommy. draw a happy family for her refrigerator door, and sing a corny song which goes along the lines of "There's no greater bond than that between a mother and her son".

If the jokes weren't so spry. this quirky conflict between Emma's rose-onted view of the past and Sonny's sleazy memories would be derisory. Emma Gregory's france pro-duction does nothing to curb the cartoon excesses, so the the tension exits through the floorboards, Macallan's gibbering bears the hallmarks of over-acting rather than a man who's about to be pruned. P.J. Bickford's amiable hitman goes about his business like a committee member from the Real Ale campaign. Only venerable Marcia Warren manages to unearth any genuine emooon. That there's still enough fizz to call it a tonic by the end speaks volumes for Bozzone's bizarre sense of humour.

JAMES **CHRISTOPHER**

wo wicked children are at the centre of an extraordinary double bill at the Paris Opera. The idea of pairing Zemlinsky's little-known one-acter Der Zwerg (The Dwarf) with Ravel's reasonably familiar L'Enfant et les sortilèges was one

of brilliance. The other was to engage as director Richard Jones, who is something of an expert on the child'seye view of things, as the Covent Garand his desig den Ring revealed. He er, Antony McDonald, have responded with a double staging of quite exceptional imagination.

By far the nastier of the pair is the Spanish Infanta of Der Zwerg. She is showered with presents on her 18th birthday, one of which is a hideous dwarf whose tragedy is that he is quite unaware of his own ugliness. The Infanta's revenge is to make him face up, literally, to his own gruesomeness in the reflecting surface of a grand piano. The dwarf dies and the Infanta, after a cursory glance at

Child's play for the wicked

dance. This is hothouse material. which Zemlinsky culled in the early 1920s from Wilde's macabre short story. The Birthday of the Infanta. In its decadence, simultaneously exotic and depraved, it comes directly ry, Salome. And much of the score, spiky and lush by turn, reflects the mood and orchestration of Richard Strauss's opera.

Attempts have been made over the past 20 years, mainly in Germany, to revive some of the eight operas by Zemlinsky, who still does not rate an entry in Kobbé. His latest champion is James Conlon, music director of the Opéra, who draws a scaring performance from his Paris orchestra. But Conlon would not have succeeded without the vision of Richard ber of the household. Christine her now broken toy, goes off to the Jones and his production team. The Schäfer looks well enough as the

OPERA IN

opera is set against a background of livid oriental colours, and a backdrop ter could have been a matter for jest, but Jones succeeds in turning them into objects of menace, phallic adjuncts of the Infanta's coming of age.

The American tenor David Kuebler gives the performance of his career as the Dwarf (a mannekin strapped to his torso), his keen knifeedged voice cutting through the sometimes complex text. There are other notable contributions from Andrew Shore as the impassive Major-domo and Susan Anthony as another memhoop-skirted Infanta, but the voice sounded small and the personality was insufficiently vicious.

After the cruelties of Der Zwerg the misbehaviour of the Child in Ravel seems quite mild. Smashing teapots, tearing the wallpaper and knocking over the grandfather clock are mere tantrums. But Ravel, with the help of his librettist (Colette no less), makes the crucial point that maltreatment of the inanimate can lead quickly to maltreatment of the animate. L'Enfant is a revenge opera, but with the softest of centres. It only needs one kind action from the Child, when he bandages the wound of his pet squirrel, and the return of Marnan for the world to be set to rights again.

Antony McDonald devises another series of quickfire stage pictures, notably the shepherds and shepherdesses

who step from the torn wallpaper and the mad maths master who torments his class with crazy numbers. Gaele Le Roi as the Child, a hoydenish figure in knickerbockers, dashes around the stage, in and out of this half-nightmare galaxy of imaginings. A large cast doubles up on roles as Ravel specified, with Anna-Maria Panzarella (Shepherdess and Bat) and Franck Leguérinel (Grandfather Clock and Tom Cat) outstanding.

At the Bastille the revival of Bellini's I Capuleti, which started life in Geneva ten vears ago, is now looking a bit ored. But it has a star performance from the young Chilean soprano Cristina Gallardo-Domas as Giulietta. She has the ability to string together clusters of pearly notes, each perfectly articulated, with effortless ease. Much more will be heard of her. Bruno Campanella's conducting is neat but too bloodless: Capuleti needs fire in the pit.

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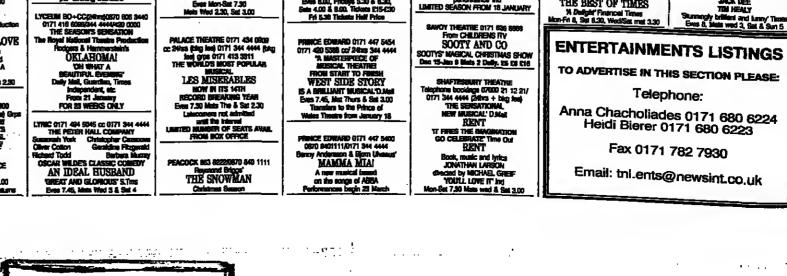
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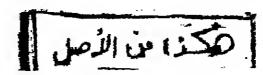
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hose trying to judge the state of the housing mar-ker are bombarded by statistics that are all but meaningless, mostly because they are so general. This month, for instance, the Halifax reported a 1.2 per cent rise in prices, yet others say that the slump in the market is

Further confusion is sown by the difference between aspiraconal asking prices and the price at which a house eventually changes hands. Agents rarely confirm the actual price at which a house is sold, and may be bound not to reveal it by confidentiality agreements with their clients. Nor, at the moment. does the Land Registry reveal the price paid, although the Government is considering changing the

In a rising market, asking prices race ahead and can be matched by buyers in bidding wars. But in to-day's falling market, the difference between asking and achieved prices can be as much as 15 per cent.

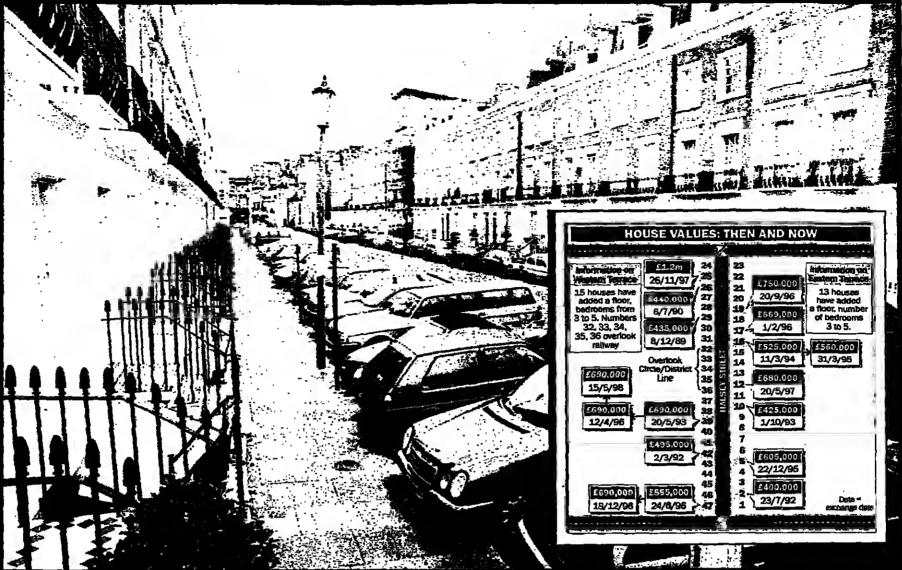
Savills, the estate agents, believes that there is a third category of prices - the real value of property. judged by professional valuers and based on comparable sales. The company's index of residential values for prime properties in Central London uses this real-value approach: movements are established by looking at what has happened to similar properties on the open mar-

The index shows that prices fell by 0.2 per cent in the third quarter of this year, and will be down by 2 per cent by the end of the year.

But there are problems with real values, too. In a plummeting market, owners would rather not sell at all than sell for a "real value". The market dries up altogether, as owners wait for better times.

So it is back to actual transaction prices. One way of monitoring these is to track what has happened to sales of houses in a single street. It is an interesting, althought inexact, experiment.

Halsey Street, SW3, provides a fascinating insight into property prices. Lane Fox has handled the sale of 17 houses in the street over the past ten years. Halsey Street is. Circle Line and the fact that both



Halsey Street SW3, where a bouse recently sold for twice the price it fetched in 1991, proving that even in uncertain times, homes in select areas will outperform the market

houses command a premium because of its location.

Currently Lane Fox is selling No 44, a west-facing house which is on the market for £950,000. Two other houses on the eastern terrace are also on the market for the same price. Yet only this summer, a similar house was being marketed for £1.2 million - a change that reflects the slump in the City, the turmoil in Russia and the sense of economic

No 39 Halsey Street has also reflected the changing market over the past ten years. This Victorian terraced family house has four bed-rooms, two bathrooms and an attractive 35ft west-facing garden. It has recently been redecorated.

Houses on the west side of the street have generally fetched somewhat lower prices because of the overland rumble of the District and

close to Sloane Square, and the houses and gardens are slightly smaller than on the eastern side.

Lane Fox first sold No 39 in May 1993 for £690,000. It had been sold through a different agent only two years previously for £485,000 — a 40 per cent increase. According to the Halifax House Price Index.

house prices had been decreasing in the country as a whole from ear-In Greater London, the decline had started a year earlier and was steeper, with prices down 5.3 per

cent on the previous year. But the Halsey Street sale indicates the truism that a good family house in a select location can outperform the market and make a mockery of nadonal statistics. There is always a lot of interest in Halsey Street," says Lulu Egerton, a director of Lane Fox. Its pret-

other areas have lost." By 1996. No 39 was for sale once ty houses of stucco and brick make it an extremely popular street in Chelsea. The size of the properties

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caoon of north and south.
The results were enough to

raise eyebrows - particularly

when the men were invited round to complete the experi-ment. Both Mr Emin and Ma-

jor-General Cooper found the same positive line crossing the door of the bedroom in exactly

the same place, albeit at slight-

ly different angles. The majorgeneral found no negative

lines, Mr Emin found two one running through the nursery where the baby's cot stood. another through the sitting

The second part of the exper-iment was to get our neigh-bours, who had never dowsed

before, to dowse the house for

lines with rods made from gal-

vanised coat hangers. According to the society, anyone can

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- in between that of the cottages and of the larger houses available in other parts of the borough makes them ideal for parents with young children. The street itself is wide, light and tranquil, creating an agreeable environment for resi-

ne inhabitant of the street is Michael Clode, a senior partner in a law firm. He has lived in Halsey Street for five years with three of his four daughters. "It is a very convenient and pleasant place to live," he says. "It is close to many pubs, restaurants and shops, and because it is a wide street, parking is never a problem. It has also retained some of the character that

again. After remaining on the market for three months, it eventually sold for its 1993 price, £690,000.

Although the market was beginning to pick up at this stage, price increases were fairly negligible and, in the Greater London area, they fell again in 1995. The surprisingly high increase in 1993 may account for the static price. The most recent sale of the house was in May of this year. It went on the market on February 20, contracts were ex-

changed on May 15 and the deal was completed on August 3. Al-though the property failed to reach its asking price of £985,000, it eventually went for £970,000 - a 100 per cent increase in price since 1991. reflecting the crazy market earlier this year in prime Central London.

This came at a time when house prices everywhere were on the increase. The Halifax House Price Index showed a 5.5 per cent rise in the UK as a whole, and an 11.8 per cent rise in Greater London, on last year's figures. Now a similar house would sell for around £900,000. ... Hilton

"Yes, we are beginning to feel the recession," Ms Egerton says. "Values in Halsey Street are 5 to 10 per cent down. There are fewer buyers around, too. But a house in good condidon . . .

Research by John D Wood looked at changing house prices over the past ten years in Palace Gardens Terrace. Notting Hill Gate. Between 1988 and 1993, property there generally kept pace with inflation, losing only 4.25 per cent in real terms.

However, in the past five years prices increased by 76 per cent, outstripping inflation. In the past ten years, prices have increased by 69 per cent. In 1988 a five-bedroon, white stucco house sold for £640,000. In 1993 the same house sold for £810,000. By 1998, the house was sold for £1.6 million.

Additional research by Anna

THE Knightsbridge flat where Diana, Princess of Wales, lived before her marriage has come off the market. It was put up for sale at £450,000 in May, but failed to sell at that price and now the family who owns it has decided to stay. The late Princess moved into the flat, which her parents bought for £50,000, in July 1979. She once described her days at Coleherne Court with her flarmates Virginia Pitman, Carolyn Pride and Anne Bolton as the happiest of her life: "I laughed my head off there."

■ COOMBE COTTAGE, a former pub in Hanging Langford, near Salisbury, is for sale. Jamie Compton, a doctor of botany, and his wife Tania, the gardening editor of House & Garden, have lived there since 1989. FPD Savills Salisbury office is selling the house, which boasts a garden of rare and unusual plants, for a guide price of £210,000.

■ THE White Lodge, off Bishops Avenue in Highgate, North London, was owned by Lana Turner, the star of the original version of The Postman Always Rings Twice and Imitation of Life, and Mario Lanza, the Italian singer and actor. The property has eight bedrooms and bathrooms, a swimming pool and sauna. Hamptons International is selling it for £7 million.

■ A HOUSE in Aston Mews. South Kensington, that was once the home of the British film director Nicholas Roeg is for sale. His films included Walkabout, Castaway, and the Oscar-winning Don't Look Now. The house has three hedrooms, two bathrooms and the whole of the ground floor is a 36ft by 22ft studio. The freehold of the house is for sale through Lurot Brand for £675,000.

HELEN MIRREN, the star of Prime Suspect, has been seen view-ing a three-bedroom flat in Albert Hall Mansions. Kensington Gore. being sold by Druce for £750,000.

■ SUE MACGREGOR has put her three-bedroom flat in Belsize Park NW3, on the market, Ms Mac-Gregor is the presenter of the Today programme on Radio 4. She is looking for a larger house nearer Broadcasting House. The Hamp-stead office of Behr and Butchoff is selling the 83-year lease for £285,000.

FPD SAVILLS denies that it has sold No 118 Eaton Square to Lord Harris of Peckham, the chairman of Carpetright and Allied Carpets. The house is reputed to have gone for £17 million.

BEN WAKEHAM

The price of peace: faith and an old coat hanger

Dowsers claim that they can sense what makes a healthy home. Emma Mahony put them to the test

fter a month in our new house, we were desperate. Our 18-month-old baby. Humphrey, was hardly sleeping. Nor were we. He had a constant, nagging cough. The doctor could do nothing.

Then, one evening, I moved Humphrey's cot to the other side of the bedroom. He slept through the night without a whimper, without a cough. And we had our first night's sleep for a month - thanks to a dowser called John Emin.

A coincidence, you might say, that moving the cot allowed Humphrey to sleep. But take the case of Jane Mcliroy (not her real name), a young Scotswoman who suffered from chronic fatigue syndrome. Her bed had remained in the same place since she was two years old. She was in hospital to have an ovarian cyst removed when her parents approached Mr Emin.

He dowsed her bedroom from a map and lound a posiove line crossing a negative line where her bed stood. He advised them to move the bed when she came out of hospital. Now, four months later, she is a different person, learning to swim and enthusiastically planning a round-the-world These are just two pieces of

anecdotal evidence to suggest that there is something to support the claims of "geopathic stress" experts. Geopathic stress is not easy to explain. Try telling a cynic that there are invisible forces such as positive and negative energy lines running through the earth. which may be responsible for



John Emin uses a pendulum to sense the energy lines

Yet geopathic stress experts believe that if you are suffering from ME, chronic oredness or even cancer, it may be because your bed is lying on a negative line — or, even worse, the point at which a positive line meets a negative line. The Dulwich Health Society even believes that all health problems can be put down to geopathic stress.

Hocus-pocus? "Credulous, anti-scientific nonsense," as Victor Lewis-Smith put it when reviewing Channel 5's Housebusters! a television programme on the subject?

However you view it, geopathic stress is certainly not scientific. Even the literature from the British Society of Dowsers admits that "although many theories have been put forward over the years, there is no saosfactory scientific explanation of the

dowsing reaction". Its literature suggests that "it is associ-ated with changes in brain rhythms and muscular responses, and most dowsers use some form of instrument. such as a rod or pendulum, to amplify their responses". Evidence that good results are achieved is largely anecdotal.

Curious to know more. I con-ducted an experiment. I asked the British Society of Dowsers to suggest two people on its register; the society suggested John Emin and Major-General Bill Cooper, and I invited them to dowse my home for these mysterious energy lines. Both were to dowse the house from the same hand-drawn plan of the first floor. The shapes of the rooms were included, but no details of

asked the rods if there were any negative lines. As he walked across the mid-dle of the room, the coat hang-ers crossed. His wife did the same, and the hangers crossed at the same spot. They then repeated the ritual, asking for positive lines, and each found one in roughly the same place, outside the door.

> maps, which corresponded with their findings, they wanted to know more. What can you say, except that it seems to work? What is certain is that all dowsers such as John Emin can relate stories about people sufferering from cancer, or from chronic fatigue syndrome, who felt better once their beds had been moved on to positive lines. Even Mr Emin admits that it may be a "placebo effect". But for the price of a coat hanger, it's worth it for a good night's

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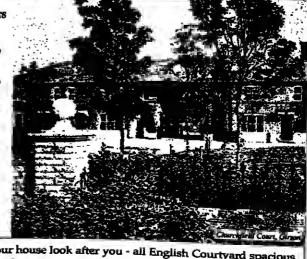
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Cambridge try to find consolation in defeat

Cambridge University...... 13 Fijians....

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Fijians, unbeaten after three of their eight matches, have the World Cup next year on their minds. Cambridge University's date with desony at Twickenham is less than a month away and the shape of their starting XV for the meet-ing with Oxford is emerging. even though Grange Road yes-terday was shrouded in frost and mist.

A form line drawn through the touring team suggests that this will be as open a University match as there has been in years. The Dark Blues went down 46-8 on Thursday, so Cambridge will have rejoiced at scoring two tries to Oxford's one. The second was particularly well taken by Nick Buoy. though by the time he crossed the line the Fijians had passed 40 points for the third time on

It has been a good year for Fijian rugby, with victory over Scotland and heartening displays in the World Cup qualifying games, and, as Brad John-stone, their coach for the past four years, said, they are slowly coming into line with the rest of the world.

He would love the tour to have culminated with a full international but his players, six of them new to the squad, will receive a solid grounding in what to expect in the France pool next autumn. That includes soft grounds and freezing conditions. "When the temperature drops to 28 degrees in Suva my boys put their sweaters on." Johnstone

said, so Grange Road was a world away.
The students started vigor-

ously, but after the ritual exchange of penalty goals the Finan backs started to flex their muscles. Their move-ment of the ball made them dangerous in any hint ol space, the best of their six tries coming from their own line with wings, full back and scrum half chiming in before Emori Tuisese crossed. The power of the Fijian run-

ning threatened to overwhelm Cambridge in the first half, but a try for Bidwell immediately after the interval lifted their hopes. Their fitness helped too, and though Lasagavibau escaped for his sec-ond try and Veitayaki plunged over for another, Cambridge were still going strong as the mist closed in.

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Patricio Noriega, the former Argentina international, trains with the Australia squad in Paris yesterday. Noriega will make his debut for Australia against France on Saturday and could face England at Twickenham on Saturday week

Pini swaps shirts before game

MATTHEW PINI, the Richmond full back capped eight times by Australia, makes his debut for Italy in the World Cup qualifying game with the Netherlands in Huddersfield

Pini, born in Canberra but with Italian grandparents, will be part of a XV which, though omitting several of their more experienced forwards, will expect to give the Dutch their second pounding

within five days.
Having lost 110-0 to England on Saturday, the Netherlands have introduced Robert Kofman, the spritely Canadi-an-born wing, and handed the captaincy to Caine Elisara, the No 8 who plays for Wakefield. Elisara will have a club colleague alongside him in Stevan Rhodes, the stand-off half who forms a new halfback pairing with Silvester

The Italians arrive at Huddersfield fresh from a physical 23-19 victory over Argentina in Piacenza earlier this month. Their standing in European

BY DAVID HANDS AND KARL JOHNSTON

rugby now is such that they can contemplate games with the Dutch - whom they disposed of comfortably in 1991 and 1995 - with equanimity. though they have picked a potent back division.

It will be marshalled by those experienced half backs, Diego Dominguez and Alessandro Troncon, both of whom have enjoyed notable European Cup campaigns, with Stade Francais and Treviso respectively. The front row includes Massimo Cuttitta, late of Harlequins and now playing with Calvisano, while there are eight survivors from the side that started against

Australia have named three newcomers for their international with France on Saturday in Paris. Patricio Noriega. a member of the outstanding Argentina front row in the 1995 World Cup, has now qualified for his new country and plays at prop. with Chris Latham at full back and

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Nathan Grey at centre. Noriega's opportunity comes after injury during Sunday's 24-9 win over France A to Glen Panaho, who has been replaced by Adrian Heath.

Given the numbers of fans who will be watching the Republic of Ireland's footballers in action against Yugoslavia on television and the lack of what what you might call household sporting names in the lines-up of Romania and Georgia, neither the men on the turnstiles nor the stewards are likely to be over-exerted for tonight's World Cup qualifier at Lansdowne Road.

That is not to imply that this will not be a big occasion for the opposing teams, especially for Georgia. For the match against Ireland on Sanurday, their management sensibly rested the majority of their first-choice players. To illus-trate the point, only three players who began against Ireland have been included in the starting XV tonight.

En route to the qualifiers, Georgia defeated Croatia, Denmark and Russia and were beaten 14-3 by Italy. Romania's onward march, in scoreline terms, was easier, as they recorded emphatic wins over Belgium, the Nether-

lands, Poland and Ukraine. Going on previous international appearances, the experinight will be provided by Gheorghe Solomie, the left wing, (28 caps), Romeo Gontineac. the centre, (18). Constantin Stan, the tight-head prop. (20) and Catalin Draguceanu (23), the No8 and captain.

Meanwhile, Keith Wood, the Harlequins hooker, seems certain to be in Ireland's 22-man squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Romania on Saturday, after the settlement of his recent contractual problems with the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU).

The IRFU issued a statement yesterday saying that Wood had been invited to join

Glasgow's esteem is dented by Maoris

By Alasdair Reid

THE brief and unspectacular lives of Scotland's super-district sides may be drawing to a close, having failed to justify themselves in either a playing or financial sense. Out of the European Cup and shorn of their international players there is an aimlessness about these Flying Dutchmen of northern hemisphere rugby as they drift from one inconsequential friendly to the next. Already the subject of stinging criocism from within Scotland, the self-esteem of Glasgow Caledonians could hardly have been helped yesterday when the New Zealand Maoris named a weakened side to face them at McDiarmid Park, Perth tonight. The Maoris, having seen off Edinburgh Reivers and Scotland already, clearly believe that they can leave the country unbeaten without calling on all their first-choice players. Hence, there is no place in

the starting line-up for Bruce Reihana or Norm Berryman. their impressive threequarters, although both are on the bench. Tony Brown, the fly half, is rested, giving Ray-mond MacDonald his first start of the tour. James Kerr, Hare Makiri and John Akurangi - on left wing, blind-side flank and at hooker respectively - also play their

first full games.
The Caledonians, who conceded 62 points against South Africa last Tuesday, may be anxious to restore pride, but injuries have robbed them of key players. Kevin McKenzie, the hooker, has been ruled out, giv-ing Gavin Scott, briefly im-pressive as McKenzie's replacement last week, his first start of the season. Cameron Little, at scrum half, is another enforced change.

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Wigan duo passed fit for Ireland debuts

By Christopher Irvine

THE Wigan pair of Gary Con-nolly and Terry O'Connor, fresh from Great Britain duty against New Zealand, make their international bows for Ireland in the final Tri-Nations match against Scotland, at Partick Thistle Football

Club, Glasgow, tonight.

Both players passed fitness tests yesterday after they were slightly injured in the final match of the series, at Watford last Saturday. "They were des perate to play," Steve O'Neill. the Ireland coach, said. O'Neill has shifted Martin Crompton from loose forward to scrum half for the absent Shaun Edwards.

Adrian Morley, who missed the series and is Ireland-quali-fied, and Dale Laughton, who represented Scotland last year. are not available because of inury, although players from the JJB Super League make up the bulk of the two sides, who both suffered narrow defeats

by France. Billy McGinty, the Scotland coach, said: "We're not looking at it as a wooden-spoon decider. This is the first year that the Rugby Football League (RFL) has got totally behind us and a lot depends on the progress in this match for both countries."

However, the RFL are disappointed that the Scottish Rugby Union pulled an advertisement for the rugby league interna-tional out of the match programme for South Africa's opening tour match, also at Firhill, last week, because Glasgow Caledonians are playing the New Zealand Maoris at the same time.

Leeds Rhinos have called a news conference today at which they are expected to announce the signing of Karl Pratt. 18, the Featherstone Rovers and Britain Academy wing. Gateshead Thunder will

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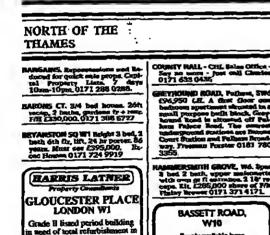
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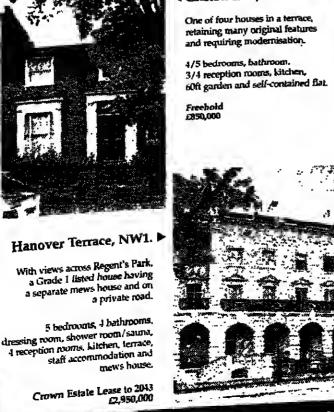
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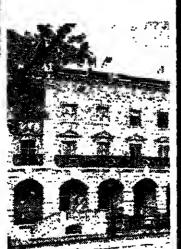
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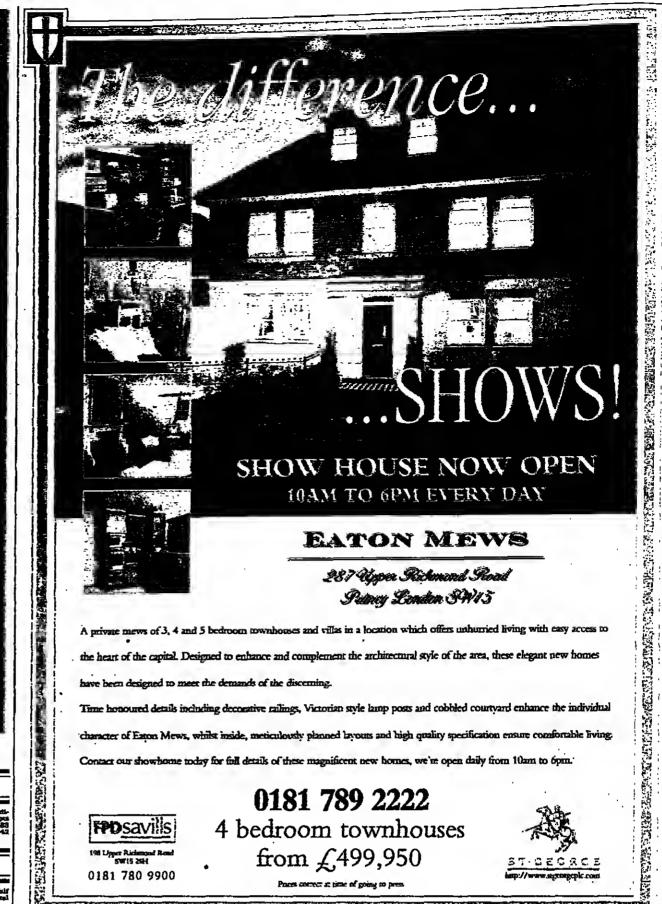
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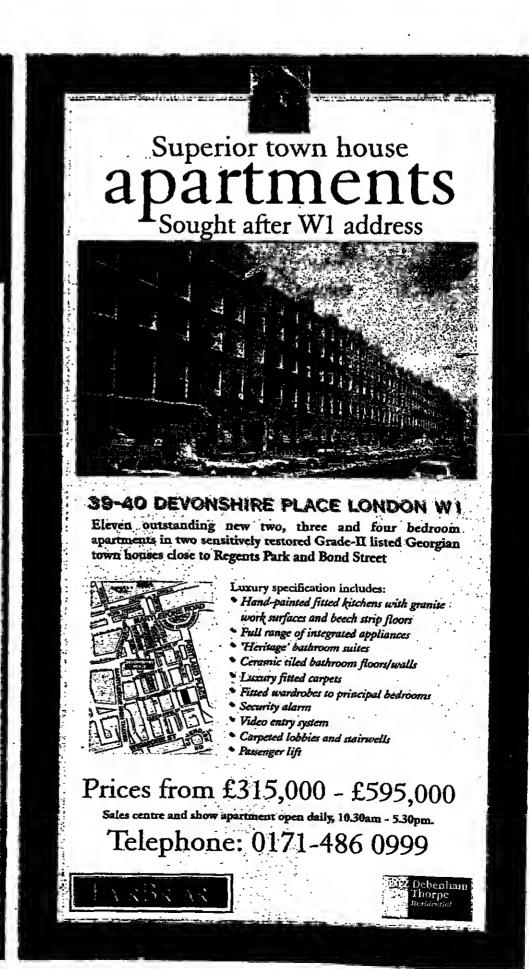


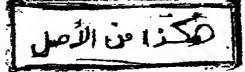


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Atherton aiming to be back in Test reckoning

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FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN BRISBANE

FOR a few confusing hours yesterday, the focus of England's anxiety switched from Michael Atherton's stiff back to John Crawley's scarred face, but by nightfall there was no doubt which of the Lancastrians was causing the greater concern before the first Test match, which starts here on Friday. Crawley will be fit, if selected, but Atherton will only be selected if fit. One is a matter of choice, the other a

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The circumstances in which Crawley found himself beaten up in Cairns on Sunday evening were largely ex-plained last night by Wayne Morton, the England physiotherapist, but only after the sequence of misfortunes befalling the touring team had been bizarrely extended by Morton himself dislocating his right shoulder in a fall during training.

After rushing from the Gabba playing area in distress, Morton put his shoulder back with the help of Graham Gooch, the team manager, and the pair then sat together to update the casualty list. Crawley, it seems, suffered greater damage to his dignity than anything else, but Atherton, whose back was injected yesterday for the second time in a fortnight, cannot yet be confident of starting this

England's fielding drills, performed in the shadow of the building site that sadly domi-nates the Gabba during its redevelopment programme. He was expected to practise properly today, however, and will need to emerge from that session without reaction and repeat the process tomorrow - if he is to play on

Friday. "I am more confident Jabout Atherton] than I was 48 hours ago," Morton said. "I was disappointed with his condition in Cairns but this morning he saw a well-known back special-ist. Bill Ryan, and had the area scanned and injected. He is getting the right attention and we are hoping for a permanent cure, not just temporary

"Since he underwent spinal surgery almost nine years ago. Michael has had a tremendous fitness record, missing very few games. Everyone who knows him is aware that he has often played in great pain and when his career does end I think he'll be thought of

as something of a hero. "As captain, he played more than once when his back was worse than it is now, but things have changed now that he is just a player again and he does not want to let anyone down. I'm very hopeful that the treatment will put him eries. straight but he'll only play if Atherton took no part in he is 95 to 100 per cent fit."

Fixture list offers only cold comfort

seeking to gain an advantage before the first Test by ensuring the absence of Michael Atherton need only stick a copy of next season's first-class fixtures, which are released today, under his nose. The knowledge that his

county, Lancashire, open the 1999 season at Fenner's against his Alma Mater, Cambridge University, on April 8 - by five days, the earliest start to a season -- will surely be enough to force Atherton's back into spasm. Even without a bad back, no amount of sweaters make that an appealing fixture for players, um-pires or spectators. Pity the protagonists, too, at The Parks where Oxford Universi-

ty play Worcestershire on the same day. Last season began on April 14 amid the customary plethora of sweaters and thermos flasks. Such was the temperature at The Parks in the second fixture of the season be-tween Oxford and Hampshire, that Peter Willey, the umpire, phoned Lord's to inquire whether play could be suspended because it was too

MISCHIEVOUS Australians cold. That unique occurrence actually took place at Fenner's on April 25 1981, when the umpires took the players off the field to give them some relief from the near-freezing temperatures in the match between Cambridge and Essex. The bowlers were unable to grip the ball properly and Derek Pringle, the Cambridge batsman, who wore contact lenses, was troubled by his eyes

streaming and could not see. The reason for the early start next year is the staging of the World Cup, which runs from May 14 until June 20. A series of warm-up matches between the competing nations and the counties have to be fitted in, not to mention the new two-division, limited-overs national league, 15 of whose games will be floodlit, and the one-day Super Cup. The county championship begins on April 13, beating last season's start by four days as the earli-est. Four days later, Leicestershire play Hampshire, under floodlights, in the National League premier division. ☐ Full details of first-class fixtures will appear in The Times

The question of what happens if he is ruled out still hovers darkly. Morton spoke opti-mistically of proceeding to a "stage three", which could involve still more injections, but he also said: "We were hoping we wouldn't have to progress beyond stage one." The possi-bility that Atherton could be forced out of the tour cannot yet be dismissed.

Ironically, Crawley's inclusion on Friday may depend on Atherton being unfit, espec-ially if the desire of the captain. Alec Stewart, holds sway. Stewart is still keen to play five bowlers, among them Robert Croft, the off spinner, which would mean omitting one of the specialist batsmen.

Crawley did not wish to speak of this yesterday. Indeed, he did not wish to speak at all, having decided that the assault on him should not be reported to the police nor the sketchy details elaborated upon. Morton, to whom he turned for treatment as soon as he reached the sanctuary of the team's quayside hotel, went so far as to suggest that Crawley could not remember much about the incident.

Quite why the England management decided to wait a full 24 hours to make the attack public is not entirely clear. Nor is the matter of how many assailants were involved, nor their motive, nor even whether Crawley's facial cuts and bruises came from fists, feet or a fall. Such issues brought more camera crews to England's exclusive hotel than at any time since Michael Jackson stayed there, but they went

away disappointed. The incident remains something of a mystery and the fact that it reflects poorly on the street life of Cairns brought a telephone call to Gooch yester-day from Inspector Wardrobe, of the town's police force. "I spoke to the inspector, but told him that John did not want the matter taken further," Gooch said. 'These things can happen anywhere in the world and John Wants to con

on the Test match." "He's slightly embarrassed about it," Morton added, "but in a way he's been fairly lucky that it wasn't nastier. He was in the wrong place at the wrong time, he got set upon and took a bit of a beating. But he's a tough Manchester lad and he's scrubbed up pretty

well today."
As drama shadowed the England party on several fronts, the Australians simply sat back and watched. The biggest news from their camp yesterday was that Shane Warne has been offered almost £100,000 as a commercial incentive to give up smoking. Warne, indeed, remains impossible to keep out of the news, but the one certainty on a day of doubts was that he, at least, will not be playing on



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Parker sidelined after accident

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car — Gary Tilston, Darren Parker and Ian Bainbridge — were also hurt. Tilston, Coles round competition proved very caddie, was unsteady on his dangerous for a number of feet yesterday afternoon and was going to fly home for treat-ment tonight. Parker broke his competitors and officials. Two cars bearing men en route to the end-of-season torture chamber at the San Roque and left arm and had to have 42 Sotogrande courses were stitches in a head wound while Bainbridge, Parker's caddie, fractured his skull and broke involved in crashes a few miles from their destination. While travelling along the both his arms.

"It's a relief to be alive, but I've lost a year out of my ca-reer," Parker said. "I expect to be out of action for four to five

months." In a separate incident, Stuart Dryden, the Australian who draws the yardage charts that the players require on the two courses, remained in hospital in Malaga with chest injuries after he, too, had suffered

a head-on collision. This year's qualifying school is undoubtedly the most star-studded since the first, in 1976, when 127 cards, that is to say passports to the

35 cards at stake this year and they will be competed for by a field of 180 golfers, including 13 who have won 23 tour titles between them.

Three of the 13 - Paul Way. who is competing at the qualifying school for the third successive year. Gordon J Brand and Steven Richardson - are former Ryder Cup players.

he competitors are a mixture of greybeards and young men with stars in their eyes, At 41, Ross Drummond is a perfect example of the former. Drummond led the Loch Lomond event the week before the Open, leaving a field including Colin Montgomerie, Nick Faldo, Tom Lehman and Payne Stewart in his

Drummond had the chance to earn enough money to avoid having to attend the school for the second successive year. A last round of par have been goo Three other occupants in the available to be won. There are enough. Alas, he took an 81.

Justin Rose, who at 18 is less than half Drummond's age, is just beginning to make his way in the professional game. Rose is the youngster who finished fourth in the Open last July, promptly turned profes-sional on a wave of patriotic fervour and has not prospered

He is concentrating his efforts on the six rounds ahead of him and declining to look back at his brief professional career.

"The next six days are all that matters at the moment," Rose said. "Actually, tomorrow is all that matters."

It may well be better in the long run for Rose to win a place on the Challenge tour in 1999 and hone his skills further there before launching himself to compete alongside Montgomerie, Lee Westwood and the like.

Certainly, it will help him that others such as Richard Boxall, a veteran of 16 years on the tour, and Wayne Riley, who won the Scottish Open in 1995 and the Portuguese Open the following year, are also having to undergo this test of

SPORT

Blanco hopes to unite Europe

M RUGBY UNION: Leading

French clubs hope to meet

their English counterparts in

London tomorrow to discuss the future of the European Cup. English teams withdrew this season citing disaffection with the organisation and structure of the Cup. Serge Blanco, the president of the League Nationale de Rugby, has written to all 14 English First Division Rugby clubs, in an attempt to establish their position. France have indicated their own concerns to European Rugby Cup (ERC) Ltd, that without the return of the English teams, the competition, together with the European Shield, could fold. The French are unwilling to continue with the tournamen in its present format and have written to ERC proposing changes for which they are seeking answers by the end of January. Blanco said: "I don't believe there will be a European competition next season unless the English clubs come back on board. Once we have everyone round the table we can discuss the problems." M AMERICAN FOOTBALL:

Bubby Brister, the quarterback, ran 38 yards for a touchdown on the first series as the Denver Broncos cruised to a 30-7 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. Terrell Davis also ran 41 yards for a score as the Broncos became the the first NFL team to win the first ten games of the season since the Washington Redskins in 1991.

III REAL TENNIS: James Male, the world rackets champion, defeated Jonathan Howell 3-0 in the second round of the British Land Open championship. In the quarter-final he plays Mike Gooding, who beat Adam Phillips 3-1.

I ICE HOCKEY: Barry McKinlay, of Bracknell Bees, the top-scoring defenceman in Superleague this season with six goals and 11 assists in 11 games, has returned to reasons" for his departure.

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notorious N340 road that runs

between Algeciras and Mala-ga, Robert Coles, a 26-year-old from Essex, who turned profes-

sional in 1991, was involved in a head-on collision. Coles need-

ed some good luck, not bad, after a season in which his

stroke average was 73.46 and his best finish was twentieth.

He suffered whiplash injuries

The injuries did not stop him

that required physiotherapy.

from trying to hit balls yester-

day afternoon, after which he

was going to make up his mind

as to whether he could honour

his appointed starting time at

Holt has his cue from Fu

BY PHIL YATES

MARCO FU and Michael Holt, a player he has inspired, proved too strong for estab-lished rivals in the first round of the Liverpool Victoria UK championship at Bournemouth, on a day of collective success for the game's lesser

By reaching the final of the Grand Prix last month, Fu did wonders for his confidence, but indirectly wrecked his practice regime. On returning home to Hong Kong, he was besieged by journalists to such an extent that interview demands cut deeply into time spent on the table.

Fu's less than ideal preparation showed during his unconvincing 9-4 victory over Gary Wilkinson yesterday. He compiled breaks of 71 and 69 in converting a 5-3 overnight lead into a place in the last 32, but admitted that his opponent had applied little pressure. What Marco did at the

Grand Prix helped motivate a lot of young players." Holt, aged 20, said, after a 9-7 win over Alan McManus on his debut in the competition proper of a high-profile tournament. Those who closely scrutinise

the game's emerging talent have known for some time that Holt, a former British under-19 and under-17 champion from Nottingham, has potential, but few expected him to pose problems for McManus. a UK Championship semi-finalist on three occasions. Holt, whose entire profes-

sional experience has been confined to qualifying rounds and club events, was pegged back from 7-5 to 7-7 but, exhibiting no sign of panic, he accounted for the following two frames with breaks of 59 and 55. Although it came as no con-

solation, McManus was not the only member of the elite top 16 in the rankings to be eliminated. James Wattana, fifteenth, lost 9-3 to Matthew Couch, of Sounthorpe, while Mark King, sixteenth, was edged 9-8 by Joe Swail.

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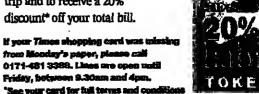


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Young Ipswich Town player given the difficult task of upholding goalkeeping tradition

Wright protects English heritage

BY MATT DICKINSON

WHAT, someone asked Richard Wright at Bisham Abbey strength as a goalkeeper. "He's English," piped up a voice from the back, but it was not a laughing matter. Once a flourishing trade, the goalkeeping industry in England ap-pears to be dying out. Wright is not just the best young custodian of international calibre he is practically the only one.

Of the ten matches in the FA Carling Premiership last week-end, there were only six goal-keepers eligibile for England, and one of those was a 39-yearold, Dave Beasant. Two others, David James and Shaka Hislop, have already been discarded from the internacional fold, which leaves the thirtysomethings. David Seaman and Nigel Martyn, along with Michael Oakes of Aston Villa (Tim Flowers was injured). Nor is the shortage likely to

be alleviated. Alex Ferguson has said he will shop abroad for a successor to Peter Schmeichel, and who can blame the Manchester United manager when Tranmere Rovers can demand more than £3 million from Everton for Steve Simonsen, a teenager with less than 50 first-team games?

No wonder, then, that England have been keen to advance Wright through the ranks quickly, inviding the Ipswich Town goalkeeper to training camps before selecting him for the full squad for the international against the Czech Republic tonight.

At Bisham Abbey, he has been under the guidance of Ray Clemence, who won 61 caps in an era when England was blessed with a number of outstanding goalkeepers. Clemence now faces the problem of discovering his successors. "In the 1970s and 1980s. we used to think goalkeepers grew on trees." Clemence said. "There were eight or ten in the old first division who were



In safe hands: Wright's excellent performances for Ipswich Town have earned him a call-up to the full England squad despite his tender years

good enough to play for Eng-land. Now there are only half a dozen Englishmen playing in the top league, and one of those is Dave Beasani. Between the ages of 21 and 30, we don't have too many.

"It is a problem and if we don't address it properly, it will become a major problem. If you look at Dino Zoff and Peter Shilton, who went on until they were over 40, we still have ome because David Seaman is 35. It is not a crisis yet.

but we need to bring them on with proper coaching." It is all good news for Wright, as evidence is mounting that Seaman is beginning to feel his years at Arsenal. Wright acknowledges, though, that he is still prone to lapses and has much to learn. If he fails to develop, it will not be for lack of diligence. An unflamboyant son of Suffolk, he admires the calm authority of Seaman, rather than Sch-

clowning antics of Grobelaar.
Although he turned 21 less
than a fortnight ago, Wright
appears older,partly because
of the fact that he became a father this month, but also because he had to grow up quickly when his father, Colin, died of cancer three years ago. He admits that he 'could have gone to pot" then, but instead, threw himself into his goalkeeping with renewed vigour,

and his talents have lured a

Portman Road, Manchester United's included. "I hear the speculation, but 1

can put it behind me," he said. Experience wise, you need to be in the Premiership but I've got 21/2 years left on my contract at Ipswich and I'm hoping to get there with this team." Ipsvich, in no small part thanks to Wright's bulky frame, are second in the Nationwide League first division. While Wright may have to watch tonight teed one international appearance next Wednesday when a Nationwide League team plays a select XI from Italy's Serie B

in Terni "He can handle anything," Clemence said. "He has great reflexes and he concentrates well. He's a good communica-tor with his defenders and he's gaining first-team experience every week." England's future may be secure, but there does not seem to be much

Coach inspires with new Czech pattern

By Russell Kempson

AFTER the limp performances against Sweden. Bulgaria and Luxembourg, what bener fixture could England have arranged than against the Czech Republic at Wembley tonight? It is widely perceived as an opportunity to rid the demons of the recent past against opponents who appear to have done little since finishing as runners-up to Germany in the European championship final

two years ago. Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, knows better. Hopefully. The Czechs might have subsequently failed to qualify for the World Cup finals, but they have since embarked on a ten-match unbeaten run, nine games of which have been under the guidance of Jozef Chovanec, their new coach, who succeeded Dusan Uhrin in January. In transicon they may be, but impressively so.

Their victims include Uruguay, Paraguay, Ireland and Denmark and they also lead group nine. after winning their first three qualifying matches for the European championship in 2000. Hoddle may have preferred Easiern European opposition to replace Yugoslavia, but could perhaps have chosen from the lesser-ranked nations. Can the media and the masses stomach another gut-wrenching England display?

In contrast to Hoddle. whose line-up will bear scant resemblance to his natural selection, Chovanec has almost a first-choice squad at his disposal. Only Jan Suchotarek. the Strasbourg defender, and Pavel Nedved, the Lazio midfield player, are missing. "It is a match of special imponance for both teams from the bener

half of European football," Chovanec said yesterday. "I expect a strong fight between two different football schools and cultures. Will in be physical? I expect it to be so."

Chovanec cut a stern figure, rarely smiling. "I don't think I

will be trying too many experiments," he said. "I know my players' ability, so there is no need to We will not be paying particular anention to Eng-land's experiments." He had to be persuaded to reveal how he had reignited the Czech flame. "It is difficult to speak about myself," he said. "I suppose I have tried to stabilise the team and develop the positive feanires from my predecessor."

Chovanec is a diplomat, too, and steered deftly around leading questions from the Scot-tish press. The Czechs travel to Scotland for a Euro 2000 qualifying match on March 31, a game that could have a considerable impact on the outcome of the group. "It is very diffi-cult to say if we will field the same side against Scotland," Chovanec said. "There are similarities between English and Scottish football, which is why this is a good game for us, but it is a long time between now and March."

He did not feel the need to consult Dr Jozef Venglos, the manager of Celoc and his compatriot, about Scotland's merits. He again erred on the side of caution when asked in which half of European football, the top or the bottom, Scotland could be placed. "They are in the upper half," he said. "They are a good side and the proof is that they played in the World Cup finals." Chovanec is smart. His players are sman. England should beware.

promise on racism

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

TONY BANKS, the Minister of Sport, has pledged to look into the problems of racism in football in an effort to encourage more black people into management. At present, only two black

men, Ruud Gullit of Newcastle United, and Viv Anderson at Middlesbrough, play a part in management in the FA Carling Premiership, but Mr Banks, speaking at a Show Racism the Red Card conference, said: "As long as t am sports minister I will make sure something is done. These are not empty words, you will

Crystal Palace are investigaling an apparent shortfall of about £400,000 in the purchase of the Chinese players. Fan Zhiyi and Sun Jihai.

was a combined fee of £1.35 million, but the Chinese Football Association, the selling body, is expecting to receive only £950,000. Palace are to ask for assistant from the English FA to help them deal with-

Kevin Keegan, the Fulham

They were bought this sea-son for what Palace thought

manager, has signed the Bristol Rovers striker Barry Hayles, 26, for a fee of £2 million. Tim Flowers, the Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper, is will be out of action until the new year, but will not need an operation on his injured arm. Flow-ers missed the Worthington

Cup victory at Newcastle and

the Premiership defeat at Man-

chester United last week.

Minister's Milosevic savours happier times Elite youth

FROM TOM WALKER

IN the bitter cold of the OFK Belgrade stadium, there was one figure left after training. bent double, spitting into the cloying mud as a thin mist smoked from his tracksuit. Better to spit at the pitch than those around it is one of the footballing lessons taken on board by Savo Milosevic, for-merly of Aston Villa, over his

past year of transition. The striker has emerged from the infamous altercation with Aston Villa supporters last January that ended with his departure from the Midlands. Revitalised by Spanish first-division football with Real Zaragoza, be expects to start for Yugoslavia against Ireland in his hometown of Belgrade tonight. No more

must the 25-year-old endure the terrace taunts of "you're not fit to wear the shirt" that rang in his ears as he donned the claret and blue of a club at which he felt ill at ease, within a city and a country that he. his wife Vesna and son Nikola never really enjoyed.

pier now," Milosevic said. "t don't regret anything, but I made a mistake and 1 take responsibility for that. Once you've done something, there is no going back. You just try to learn from it." Even today in Belgrade,

To be honest, I'm a lot hap-

Milosevic must endure ribaldry from Red Star supporters. who remember him as a precocious youngster with Partizan, their local rivals, "Savo the monkey", they cry; for Partimaster". Mick McCarthy, the treland manager, appears unperturbed; perhaps rightly so his team's victory in their group over Croatia, who fin-ished third in the World Cup. McCarthy said Milosevic "blew hot and cold" in England and believes the Slav mentality can be suspect.

"Their game is swashbuckling, free-flowing and expansive, but they get a goal

RESULTS: Sept 5: Ireland 2 Croalia 0. Sept 6: FYR Macedonia 4 Malte 0 Oct 10: Melta 1 Croalia 4. Oct 14: Ireland 5 Melta Control 2 SVR Medicand 5

against them and they are nervy." McCarthy sald, recalling the manner in which Germany fought back in the World Cup. forcing a 2-2 draw

after being 2-0 down.

McCarthy is low-key about the encounter and plays down the physical aspect, a focus for some. "This stuff about us being physical is mythology." he said. "The Yugoslavs hold it up and tackle just as we do."

Politics are low on the agenda, but Milosevic said: "We keep on hearing about 200,000 Albanian refugees, but what about the one million Serbs from the war, 500,000 looking for somewhere to live in Belgrade. What happens to them? God knows, I'd like to come back and live here one day. but for the moment I'm concen-

McMenemy remains on guard

By George Caulkin LIKE many of those employed

in Lawrie McMenemy's pre-Northern treland manager wisely peppered his conversadon with such battle-worn phrases as "complacency," and "no easy games," yesterday. The mantle of favourites sits comfortably on few sides in internacional

For McMenemy, the experience was a new one and he countered by claiming that his team remained "underdogs" for the visit of Moldova in European championship qualifying group three tonight. "Look at where we draw our

squad from: see how much they're playing," he said. However, the fact remains that a Windsor Park crowd of some 10,000 will arrive expecting a comfortable home victory. Such optimism will, in part,

be based on Moldova's unimpressive, if brief, track record. They are some 29 places below Northern Ireland in the latest Fifa world rankings, and, in the five years since their full affiliation after splitting from the former Soviet Union, they have mustered just one competitive away win.

Their cause is further weakened by the suspension of Igor Oprea, the influential midfield player, who scored twice in Moldova's 3-2 defeat against Finland, but it is not simply the status of the opposition provides cautious grounds for hope. After beating Finland last month. grounds victory tonight would propel Northern Ireland into joint leadership of a group also containing Turkey and

GROUP THREE

RESULTS: Sept 5: Finland 3 Moldove 2: Turkey 3 Northern Ireland 0. Oct 10: Turkey 1 Germany 0: Northern Ireland 1 Finland 0 Oct 14: Moldove 1 Germany 3; Turkey 1 Finland 3

Although injury has robbed McMenemy of both his firstchoice full backs, Kevin Horlock and Aaron Hughes, his squad remains a relatively strong one. Steve Lomas, of West Ham United, returns to captain the side after a threegame absence, while in Phil Gray, McMenemy's attack will possess vigour in reserve.

Peter Kennedy will make his debut on the left side of

defence, capping an impressive start to the season with Watford. Three years ago, the Lisburn-born player, 25, worked as an apprendee in a sheet-metal factory. From one quarter, at least, McMenemy need have no concerns about

complacency.

face tests of fitness

By JOHN GOODBODY

ENGLAND'S elite youth footballers are to undergo twiceyearly tests to monitor their physical progress and identify why so many suffer injuries that threaten their careers.

lo the first extensive natiooal study conducted anywhere in the world, more than 10,000 youngsters aged from nine to 21, and attending the 34 new academies at Premiership and Football League clubs, will be examined and measured by the two physiotherapists and academy doctors detailed to look after England's future internationals at these clubs.

From January 1, all injuries suffered by these players that require them to rest for two days will be collated by the FA's medical education centre's research department at Lilleshall. This will help researchers discover why some youngsters suffer injuries at particular ages.

Alan Hodson, the FA's head of sports medicine, said: There is a massive need for this research. We aim to be setting standards that no one else has ever done in football in these numbers, and at this age and level." There has been widespread

concern that English youngsters play too often, some times suffering chronic injuries. In 1993 and 1994, 17 per cent of the applicants to the FA National School at Lilleshall had stress fractures to their lower spine, compared to six per cent of ordinary youngsters of the same age.

Rijkaard takes bold gamble

FROM ROB HUGHES IN GELSENKIRCHEN

THE industrial Ruhr in Germany is anything but hospita-ble in the depths of winter. The river is chill personified, snow is falling and more than 1,000 police and specially trained troops are being amassed for the so-called friendly encounter tonight between Germany and Holland.

Given that a Dutch supporter was killed in a fight prearranged between followers of Ajax and Feyenoord a year ago, given the legacy of the World Cup, after which a policeman in Lens lies with brain damage after being attacked by German thugs, Ulrich Grzella, the police chief here, is justified in his precautions.

"We assume that violenceprone fans will come to Gelsenkirchen," he said, speaking of the home city of Schalke 04, which has a condemned stadium and a new one that is about to be built for 385 mil-



lion deutschmarks, is - in the sporting sense — a venue for one country looking back-

wards, the other forward. When heavy criticism forced out Bertie Vogts as the national coach this autumn, Germany persuaded Erich Ribbeck. 61, to come out of retirement. He has unretired Lothar Matthaus and Andreas Möller as the libero and the playmaker, the two most creative roles in

the Germany side. In contrast, when Guus Hiddink, the coach who coaxed Holland to the World Cup semi-finals and then left for Real Madrid. the Dutch handed the reins to Frank Rijkaard, who, at 35, is two years younger than Matthaus.

Rijkaard had never coached a team in his life, though, along with Ruud Gullit, the Newcastle United manager, he was invited to take a course this summer. He has been quite bold and futuristic in deciding that if Dennis Bergkamp is so seldom available to travel for his country, then Ruud van Nistelrooij witl take

Van Nistelrooij has had just one spectacular season in the top flight. He scored 13 goals in 30 games for Heerenveen last season, and was sold to PSV Eindhoven, who are under the wing of Bobby Robson, the former England

manager. Tonight, providing we can concentrate on the football, it will be intriguing to see the new boy from Holland taking on the old-timer, Matthaus.

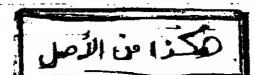
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Richard Evans on a project turning science fiction into fact

National offers armchair ride

n a scene reminiscent of a Steven Spielberg science fiction film, a cross between a rocket capsule and an aircraft cockpil suddenly began to gyrate in the corner of a Cotswold field yesterday — as the Martell Grand National came to Glouceslershire.

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If a casual observer could be forgiven for thinking an unidentified flying object had landed on the gallops at Nigel Twiston-Davies's yard, those inside the glearning white fu-turistic creation were having similar thoughts as they experienced the full range of emotions felt by jockeys riding in the world's most famous stee-plechase — including a boneshaking fall at the first fence

At a cost of £220,000 Aintree racecourse has acquired the mobile simulator

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: STRONG PALADIN (3.10 Kempton Park) Next Best: Escartefigue (2.50 Haydock Park)

which offers up to 20 people at a time a virtual reality ride over the unique Grand National fences. The Morphis MovieRide theatre, to give the capsule its proper title has been developed after jockeys wore small cameras on their helmets while riding at Aintree during last season's Grand National meeting.
"Broadcast-quality digital

imagery is brought together with explosive special effects," according to the publicity issued by the makers of the simulator.

All of which means those inside the capsule are given some idea of how Richard Johnson fell when Banjo fell at the first fence in the latest run-

Going: good
1.10 (2m hdle) 1, Panama House (L. Wyer, 13-8 fav); 2, Master Tem (7-1), 3, Dangermen (11-1), 10 ran. 4, 31. T Easterby, Tole: 22 40; 51-20, 51-30, 52-20, DF: 68-40, CSF: 511.15.
1.40 (3m if ch) 1, Master Wood (C McCormack, 7-1); 2, Scotton Green (9-4), Paddys Return (f) 8-11 fav, 6 ran, Nr. C Grant. Tole: 57-60; 52-10, 51-10, DF: 55-00, CSF: 521-01.

25 00, CSF: 221.01.
2.10 (2m 41 10)yd bdle) 1, Dan De Man
(T Siddell, 10-1); 2, Fussien Aspect (7-1),
3, Diddy Pyrter (9-2 tay), "11 Pan 2], 9; 4,
Mss L Siddell, 10te: 11.80; 53.0, \$1.70,
\$1.20, DF: \$31.90, CSF: \$68.33, Treast.



Viewers are given the opportunity chance to experience the thrill of riding over the Grand National fences

ning of the Grand National, After that mishap, viewers are magically transferred to a safer conveyance in the shape of Kerry Orchid, a ten-yearold grey, who completed the course in the Fox Hunters' Chase. With a commentary by Carl Llewellyn, who won this year's Grand National on Earth Summit, the theatre jockeys experience the thrill of jumping fences such as Becher's Brook and Foinavon.

The simulator will go on a nationwide tour before taking up permanent residence al Aintree after the running of next year's Grand National.

Remainder of meeting abandonsel be-cause of heavy log.

Jackpot: £15,800.50 (0.3 winning tick-ets. Pool of £15,380.82 carried tor-ward to Haydock Park today).

Placepot: £71.80. Quedpot: £16.70.

1.00 (2m 11 hdle) 1, Red Ebrel (W Marston, 11-8 tov), 2, Roy Boy (9-1), 3, Fearless Wonder (33-1), 9 ran, 2, 1, 1, 0 White, Tota 11-80, 11-00, 11-70, 125-60. DF: £9.00-CSF, £12-48. 1.30 (2m 110-d ch) 1, Collier Bay (M A

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Going: soft

where it will be an essential part of a new visitors' centre.
The Grand National is one of arguably only two races a year which capture the attention of the non-racing public.

and, given the concerns felt in

some quarters, this is part of

an attempt to bring the race to

the people. "It is a major tool to help to promote the race," Dickon White, Aintree's marketing director, said, "We get a lot of people phoning up and asking what is it really like to ride round Aintree and it is hard to put it into words. This simula-lor helps to take the Grand

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

2.00 (2m 6) holle) 1, Niethvo Fleid (J Mog-lord, 9-4 (Hav); 2, Shadirwen (9-1); 3, Asvasaksa (6-1), Narrie Of Our Father 9; 4-4a V Shin 24; 11, O White Tore: 53,00, 51,50, 64,60 DF: 59,50, CSF: 615,55,

\$1.50, \$4.60 DF: \$9.50, CSF: \$15.55.
2.30 (3m 2) 110/d ch) 1, Misher Blake (R. Johnson, 5-2), 2, Gig Beach (B. Hale), 75.20, 2, Gig Beach (B. Hale), 75.20, 5-20, 6-14.0, E1.40, DF. \$4.50, CSF: \$25.51, Tincast \$25.32, 3.00 (2m 11 hole), 1, Nathre Filing (R. Dunwoody, 4-9 lant); 2, Nathre Filing (R. Dunwoody, 4-9 lant); 3, Nathre Chance, (20-11, 10 rant); 4, 151 R. Lee, Tote, 23-50; \$1.70, 52.10, 56.50, DF: \$20.90, CSF: \$19.74 | Ticset \$300.36, A. 0.0 (2m) titlen 1, Gramoorbican (Soothe, 4.00 (2m) titlen 1, Gramoorbican (Soothe, 4

National to the people. You only have to see the television viewing figures or the betting turnover on the race to realise how much il matters to the general public." After an investigation and

report into the most recent running of the Grand National, some important changes are being implemented for next year's renewal. A panel of ex-perts will be appointed by the Jockey Chib to advise on whether any horse entered for the race should not be allowed to run. Any horse which runs in the five days before the Grand National will automati-

ran. NR. Optimistic Thinker, 114, 14, D Gar-dollo Tote, 267.00; £15.50; £2.00, £5.70. DF £99.90, CSF; £176.25. Placapot: £52.80. Quadpot: £13.40.

Going: standard

12.20 (1m 4t) 1, Fahar (Mr D H Dunsdon, 9-2); 2, Roman Real (7-1), 3, Evezio Ruto (4-1 tav); 4, General Glow (18-1), 17 ran. Mr Lancete Pet 3:4, 8, G Leves, Tote, 94.50; 51.70, 52.40, 51.40, 58.50 DF. 623.00. CSF, 531.42 Tricast: \$131.68.
12.50 (71); Glandarbury (Mr Ayan, 4-1), 2, Mass Take (20-1); 3, Cacter Wells (7-2), Megic Memories 2-1 fav. 18 ran 3:4, 14, M Channon, Tota: 58.40, 51.40, 53.30, 51.60, DF: 558.50. CSF: 575.31, 4.50, (13.40, 51.40,

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cally be disqualified from taking part in the National. Special schooling fences, built to the design of a National fence, are also being prepared at the country's three main training bases - Middleham. Lambourn and Newmarket.

Unfortunately, Aintree - or Merseyside police — still seem intent on subjecting spectators to intolerable levels of security, including personal searches, at next year's meeting. Given the changes in the political scenery since the sad events of two years ago, such measures seem out of touch and unneces-

A Murphy, Toto: £21,30, ES 10, £2,20, £2,20, Dr. £72,00, CSF, £154 84. Tricast: £72,25, 1,50 (St) 1, Tom Tisz (T Williams, 13-2); 2, Southern Dominion (12-1), 3, Top Of The Form (9-2), Filendly Brave 3-1 fav. 10 ren 3, 44. Wes J Cress, Toto: £7-30, £2,40, £2,70, £2,20, Dr. £15,70, CSF; £79,83, Tricast: £368,88, 2,20 (1m 2) 1, Highest Accolade (W Ryen, 5-4 fav); 2, Zada (7-1); 3, My Lindle Man (20-1), 8 fan, Mr Deta, Master (Lodge, 51, 8) J Gosden, Tote: £2,20; £1,10, £1,50, £4,20, Dr. £5,50, CSF; £10,17.

2-50 (Im 2) 1, Totaen (W Ryen, 19-2), 2, Ehabub (5-6 fav); 3, Kinga Avrow (20-1), 16 ran., 14, 7t. Lord Huntingdon, Tota-5-90; E1-20, E1-20, E3-80 "DF: E4-50." CSF: £12-24.

3.20 (7) 1, Big Ben (Dane O'Nell, 5-1); 2, Kass Aheves (5-1); 3, Topton (15-8 fev). 12 ran, NK, 11J, R Harmon, Tote, 05 50, 51 80, E1-80, E1-50 DF \$17-80, CSF; \$27.31, Tneast: \$82.07.

227.31 Thouse DC Love (C Rutter, 5-1), 2, Be My Wish (7-2); 3, Mr Speaker (3-1 lay). 10 ran NRT Rosen Splendour. 14, Bl V Soene Tota: 05,70; 22,50; C1.50, 52,70. DF 29,16 CSF 522 18, Tricast CSB.21

Placepot: E215.00. Quadoot: E27.60.

CHASE (£2,962: 2m 3f) (16)

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(£1,828: 2m 1f) (18)

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1 DOF CAPLES E BARDITO'S 273 (D.F.G) 3 Borry 6-11-10 8 Powel
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3.00 BISHOPS FROME HOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,500: 2m 3i 110yd) (14)

-1 Windy Valley, 7-2 May Sunset, 5-1 Massimet, 6-1 Go Britannia, 7-1 others.

3.30 BOGMARSH NOVICES CHASE (£3,451: 3m 1f 110yd) (8)

4-7 Climbon, 7-2 Anight Temptay, 4-1 Cherologe Boy, 20-1 others

4.00 WEATHERBYS STARS MARES DALY MATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,235: 2m 1i) (9)

2 EVENTYTHING'S ROSY 21B Mes. V Williams 6-11-0 S Kelly (5)
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Going: good

>HEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

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2.40 (2m ch) 1, Tom Brodie (C McCormack, 8-1); 2. Di Bones (15-8); 3, Norvetti la King (6-1). Cumbrian Challenge 11-10

Old. Tota. C1.30 DF: 52.20 CSF 52.60

A recurring theme is that the correct play in a suit in isolation may not be the correct play in the context of the whole hand. The declarer on this hand was British international Steve Lodge.

Love all

Dealer West OAK8643 4 Q676 ▲ KQ8752 **♣** J953 N ₾ Q75 ♥ 102 **0 104** O AQJ63 S & K9 A 4 10 C 19 · K987 4 A 10532 18

Pass 3 D 4 C All Pags Contract: Five Clubs by South. Lead: three of spades

9-counts, I suppose the more suitable - a good main suit, with the three honours all in the long suits. West's bid of Three Diamonds is codified in the duplicate world as being a fit jump' In competitive auctions, a jump in a new suit shows a fit for the suit partner has bid with a good holding in the new suit. But it would also be the correct bid at rubber bridge by a passed hand - there is no point in jump-ing if you don't have a fit for

your partner. After Lodge had won the opening lead, how should he play the trumps? Taking the club suit in isolation, the best play to lose only one trick is to lead ace and another, picking up the suit when it breaks 2-2 when the king or the jack falls

If you are going to open on singleton, and when West has king and two others. But here North hand is one of the more suitable - a good main a club trick, he will push a diamond through, and with West having announced a good diamond holding that will mean the loss of two dia-

mond tricks. So Lodge crossed to dummy with a heart to lead the queen of clubs. East covered. Lodge won the ace, and when West played small his only chance was that the clubs were 2-2 with West holding the jack. He played another club, and after West had won Lodge was in control to establish dummy's hearts and enter dummy with a trump to cash them and make his contract. □ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

33 Qg4 34 Nxf5

35 Bg5

36 Re2

37 Ng3

38 Qe6

Qc3 Bc7

Ne5

By Raymond Keene

KEENE on CHESS

39 Be7+

40 Nh5

4.00 (2m 1) flest) 1, Grannerblong (Sophe Michell, 20-1); 2, Beau (8-1); 3, Forest Thyne (10-1). Molly Fitz Lad 2-1 lav 15 (9-2), Vale Of Loven 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 3d, 3l.

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Polgar Victories

Today I give two further victories from Judith Polgar's su-perb performance winning first prize ahead of Timman and Spassky with a one and a half point margin at the VAM tournament in Holland. White Judith Polgar

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21 Nh6	+ Kg7	19 g65	Rxt5
22 Qf3	<i>f</i> 5	20 Be3	Bd7
23 e6	NfB	21 Ng5	NFB
24 64	Bb6	22 14	Na1
25 e7	Rxe7	23 Rog2	Qxc3+
26 Rxe7+	Qxe7	24 K/2	g6.
27 Re1	Qd8	25 Nxh7	Rxf4+
28 Ng4	Nd7	26 863	Qc2+
29 Qf4	KIT	27 Kg3	Re3+
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31 Qh4	Qn8	29 K/2	Black resigns
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GOING: GOOD TO SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING 1.20 CALEDONIA RENAULT FLEET HOVICES HURDLE (£2,885: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

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1.50 MASON COMMUNICATIONS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,788: 2m 4f) (4 runners) D0233 KAD1284 (D.G.S.) [J Brown] C Marin 9-11-13 R Duringody Res 21Fity RNER LDSSE 936 (B.C.S.) 'C Pracher) C Eperton 9-11-13 G Bradley 6-511-4 CTHELL HOPE B (F.S.G.), MAR E Geograph Mar S South 7-11-4 G Prom (3) 124 | API-1 TIME EERS 13 (C.D.S.) (Store His Gold Ctud) 0 MeCant 0-10-0 A Dobbin 126

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2.20 ST HELENS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,773: 2m 7f 110yd) (8 runners)

KADL well handicapped to his best force, can toxic a winning reappearance

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

2.50 EDWARD HANNER MEMORIAL CHASE [SHOWCASE RACE]

(Limited handicap: £25,240: 3m) (6 runners)

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Suny Bay 111 2nd of 37 to Earth Semmit in handleap chase grade 3 at Arines (sen 44, heavy); previously 145 5nd of 17 to Cool Gover in chase grade 1 at Challenham Con 2 11640, good with Shart Royal 119th before 18) 269 9th and See More Business (2th worse off) carried out. The Sarry Monit best Printerity Place 10 in 4-runer chase grade 2 at Challenham Con 54, heavy). Smith Royal best Boss Device 2 in 5-runner chase grade 2 at Welsterby (Sm 1t, pood) with Escartedique (7th worse oil) 191 4th. Matrier pulsed up in fundicap chase at Welsterby Con 11, 100, good to soil); previously heat Locky Youri St to 13-runner handleap chase grade 1 at Pseudicham (3m 11 10yd, good to soil); previously heat Locky Youri St to 13-runner handleap chase grade 1 at Pseudicham (3m 11, heavy). SUMY BAY goes well best and can repeat lest year's success in this race

3.20 NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS POLICE MARIES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,773; 2m) (10 runners)

2224-1 HEART 20 (0.5) (C & S Busher) Miss H Ruight 5-11-0 ... L Currolles (5) 1d*11-1 BECCA'S ROSE 9 (S) (Three Cables) F Murphy 6-10-7 ... A Doublet SST (22*1 32F (Ma); A Bushel) B McChaine 6-10-7 ... M Breatran 00040- NTTYBALE 36F (M Samers) Ma's S Braundi (10*7 -10-7 ... 6 Land (7) 6 Land (7) 6 Land (7) 7 ... A S Smith 6 LINDRECK LADY 13 (S Housen) B Rothwell 4-10-7 ... A S Smith 6 LINDRECK LADY 13 (S Housen) B Rothwell 4-10-7 ... A S Smith 8 LL OPCZETO 41SF (R Manadah R Fatey 4-10-7 ... Elsy Mall COPCZETO 41SF (R Manadah R Fatey 4-10-7 ... M P Mandeer (7) 5023-WES ANNE 73 LI Belovius W Hous (Ma) 4-10-7 ... M P Mandeer (7) 5023-WES ANNE 73 LI Belovius W Hous (Ma) 4-10-7 ... G Bradley (PFS4- WHATS MONEY 200P (C Wood) R Curfs 7-10-7 ... J Lunch

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3.55 HINDLEY GREEN HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,701; 2m 4f) (6 runners) 4-1117 OUT RANKONG 74 (CD.F.G.S) (Knight Hawls Partnership) M Pipe 6-12-0 C Maucia 1 M 2111- FADALKO 248 (S) (R Ogden) P Nicholis 5-12-0 R Dunmondy - 231229 BARTON WAREI GSS (GF.D.G.S.) (Ms. N Clarie) S Brookshaw 7-11-0 ... A Dobbin - 1366-1 VALEDICTIONY 9 (D.S) 8 Bell) P Montelion 5-71-0 (See) C Weet 105 GB-501 SART CEL 13 (G.E.S.) (Team Resing) F Jacoba 10-10 ... A Maguine EST 4020-1 KEY 6489-13 (G.D.S) D Townson) Mrs S Sands 7-10-4 ... 6 Distact 1916

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BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Hereford: 1.00 Frame Of Mind. 3.00 Head

SPECIALISTS

KEMPTON PARK: Trainers: () Gendoffo, I winners from 23 runners, 34.8%; R Alner, 15 from 45, 33.3%; P Webber, 5 from 18, 27.8%; P Nicholls, 7 from 26, 26.9%. Joskeys: A Thoriton, 14 winners from 48 rides, 29.2%; J Osborns, 24 from 83, 29.3%; T J Musphy, 4 from 17, 23.5%; M A Fitzgerald, 21 from 126, 16.7%; R Thoriton, 3 from 21, 14.3%. ton, 3 from 21, 14.5%.
HEREPORD: Treiners: Mass V Williams, 8
winners from 18 nurners, 44.4%; F. Nurphy, 8 from 15, 40.0%; M. Pipe, 37 from
108, 34.9%; O. Nicholson, 10 from 33,
30.3%; P. Nichols, 10 from 40, 25.0%.
Jocksys: A P. McCoy, 29 winners from 98
rides, 30.2%; B. Fenton, 8 from 39, 20.5%;
R. Ferrant, 9 from 52, 17.3%; G. Tormey, 5
from 31, 16.1%.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AUCUBA a. A type of cigar b. A bunk bed c. A plant disease

GARROCHA a. A pole b. A fish

BOMBORA a. An ice cream pudding b. Broken water c. A goblin in Tolkien DUBBELTJIE a. Separate schools

b. A fish c A weed

Answer, page 42

White to play. This position is from the game Marchian - Vilar. Elista Olympiad, 1998. Black's situation has become so desperate that the king has come up the board in an attempt to defend the weak points. How did White turn this to his advantage?

WINNING MOVE

TRAINERS A Duramady C Marde C Lleveltyn A Maguire R Supple L Wyst

> 12.00 Close vierte 7 11.30 Emergency Vets Haanst 2.00 HLM 4.30 Richi Scicini 5.00 Janem Daste 5.30 Se Re Ge Na 11.00 The Je k Dee Show 11.20 The Larry

c. Cold leek and carrot soup

Solution, page 42

Time to place the horses first

have been whacking horses a fair bit of late. So has Frankie Dettori and so has Tony McCoy. Their whacking has made more of a mark than my own,

McCoy, the jump jockey, an extraordinarily talented serial champion at the age of 23, received an 18-day ban for his fifth whip offence this year on Monday. Dettori did not gel banned at all: his frenzied, not to say demented, assault on Swain in the Breeders' Cup Classic, the richest horse race ever run, had a rather differ-

That kind of whacking is permitted in the United States and Frankie, freed from the shackles of British rules, made the most of his chance. It cost

Swain the race. Swain swerved violently away from the whip, then ran straight, true and fast as soon as Dettori stopped whacking. Swain's crabbing across the track cost him vital ground and he was narrowly beaten. It was a poor way to treat a great racehorse, whether you are talking about horse

welfare or winning races. Both jockeys were sulky, and felt victimised in the aftermath of these events. McCov

petulantly threw his whip to the crowd in victory on Saturday and seemed disturbed, some said close to the point of breakdown. Dettori was almost unprecedentedly monosyllabic when questioned about the Swain business. The words "I made a mistake"

were beyond him. It is an eternally difficult question. Both jockeys felt shattered because they were banned or criticised for doing their best. McCoy actually did get a slow horse home in first place: it is debatable whether another jockey could have done so. Both men feel hurt and confused. That is because the issue itself is confusing: an appareni paradox.

No one wants to employ a jockey who blinks in the moment of truth. Desire to win is part of a jockey's stock in trade. The jockey's desire is the final ingredient in the preparation of a racehorse to win a race. A jockey who gets a reputation as a softie will find himself unemployed. Owners and trainers want to win: jockeys need to please them.

Thus after the Derby, the winning jockey, Olivier Peslier, was banned for improper riding - but his mount [High-Rise] was not disqualified. ParSIMON BARNES

function in racing to normal

horsey life, so it is logical that racing needs a specialised de-

vice. A thing like the Air Cush-

ion whip is ideal for minimis-

ing the pain of sustained and repeated whacking - racing is the only part of the horsey

world that requires such a

thing — while allowing the rid-er to use force and rhythm and

surprise; all things that help a horse to go a bit faster, put in a

McCoy already uses a cush-

ioned whip, a different version and good on him for that. It is

one that looks a little less osten-

tatiously benign, but the ban

for its overuse only increases

McCoy's sense of persecution.

There are several points to consider. Both McCoy and

Dettori ride with very short stirrup leathers. I couldn't

begin to ride like that, still less

jump. Remarkable riders, but

their riding position means

that use of the legs to drive a

horse is limited if not

It follows that the whip is

not the last but the first resort.

Their stunningly effective use

of balance and body position

to urge a horse forward makes

heavy use of the whip

inevitable.

supreme effort.



Midweek View

adox again. The International Stakes at York gave us the most thrilling finish of the season. The first three jockeys home were all banned. The placings remained unaltered. Meanwhile, I have been

whacking my horse, intermittently, with an ugly thing called the Air Cushion whip. Sir Peter O'Sullevan is campaigning for its compulsory use in racing. It is like hitting a horse with a rolled-up newspaper instead of a cane: it is effective as a strong signal, but not as painful coercion.

The second point is crucial: for whose benefit are the rules? The game is about winning: you will not find many punters appalled by overuse of the whip, not when their horse fare" they reach for their revolvers. There is much defensive talk about the "image of

ever mind image. The point is not sault on a tired horse looks bad. The point is that it is bad. Jockeys not only do their best: they are very anxious to be seen to be doing their best. It is an important part of the job: too important. Ostentatious use of the whip is often unnecessary: and in some cases, as Frankie could but will not tell us, downright

counter-productive. Marcus Armytage, a former jockey, wrote the other week about what must be done "if the animal welfare lobby is to be appeased". I suggest that racing pays absolutely no attention to the animal welfare lobby, whatever that is. Don't try to appease a lobby: try to look after the horses. It is a question of priorities.

people of New York, and Tauzi-at and Zvereva looked awfully

alone in Madison Square Gar-

den. Still, it was only to be ex-

pected — the night before, the

Corel WTA Tour had held its

annual awards ceremony -

and forgot 10 bring the tro-

phies. Donald Trump was left

looking like a piece of string without a knot in it, as he had

nothing to give Davenport for being voted the player of the

year. After an awards ceremo-

ny with no trophies, a match

with no spectators seemed par

Not that the New York

crowd, such as it is, is particu-

larly knowledgeable about ten-

nis. More used to watching the

Knicks and the Rangers at this

venue, one misguided but

well-meaning chap kept shout-

ing: "Come on Martina," as

Conchita Martinez was losing

to Dominique van Roost on Monday night. In her efficient

way, Van Roost whistled past

Van Roost looked like a

school teacher, neatly dressed

the tiring Spaniard 7-6, 6-1.

for the course.

BBC2, 7.30pm

wins. And when racing people hear the words "animal wel-

that an all-out as-

TELEVISION CHOICE

Escape to the Middle Ages

Behind Closed Doors

BBC2, 7.30pm

A series on people who like to keep themselves to themselves opens at a Cistercian Monastery in Leicestershire. Mount Saint Bernard Abbey is home to 38 monks who have decided to leave the world that most of us inhabit for a life of chastity, poverty (though they ear well and have comfortable rooms), study and prayer. Although they are not bothered by many of the stresses and irritations of the late 20th century, their days are full. They are up at 3.15am and, meals apart, there are few spare minutes in a day devoted to the celebration of God. The vow of silence was dropped some years ago but one of the monks claims that their regime has not changed that much since the Middle Ages. Critics who see the monastic existence as a copout receive no answer, nor do we discover how this cloistered way of life is paid for.

Horzeblower ITV. 8.00pm

After a successful launch in September, which drew nearly nine million viewers and much criocal praise, the Hornblower series resumes a month earlier than planned. Perhaps the only grumble about another polished and intelligent film, which scores particularly highly in the visual department, is the lack of a unifying plot. With two hours to fill the episodic structure is sometimes a handicap, though this is not for want of incident. Scuffles with the Spanish, a brush with the plague and a seaman who goes off the rails after the death of a colleague are among the storylines which keep the narrative flowing. The binding theme, meanwhile, is the continuing education of our young hero, attractively played by loan Gruffudd, as he rises, not without alarms, up the chain of command.

War and Piste BBC1. 10.00pm

A truly awful title heralds the BBC's latest venture into documentary soap, a series set in the French ski resort of Val d 1 sere and featuring the Brits who work there during the four-month season. With the first episode little more than a scene-sener. War and Piste gets off to a quiet start but things will no

Chalet girls Katrina and Camilla feature in War and Piste (BBC1, 10pm)

doubt liven up once the first guests arrive. Meanwhile, viewers can amuse themselves trying to spot the stars which docusoaps unfailingly create. Will they come from the ranks of the chalet girls and boys, who have to cook and clean for just 555 as week ithough ther skiling is free! Or what about Natasha, who has been put in charge of the chalet staff despite having no management experience? But the early money must be on Fraser and Scott, public schoolboys who have driven 700 miles in an old Rover hoping for casual work.

Bob and Margaret Channel 4, 10_30pm

Anna Raeburn

Talk Radio, 2.00pm

Raeburn will suggest that.

Welcome back to Bob, the suburban dentist, and Margaret, his chiropodist wife, whose creators did Britain proud at the 1995 Oscars by winning the award for best short animation. That 12-minute comedy by Alison Snowden and David Fine has been developed into a series, which may appropriate traditional sitcom territory but often does so in a fresh and funny way. Episode one sees the nerdish Bob and Margaret stuck at home with nothing to watch on the telly and trying to conjure up a romantic evening with a pizza and a video. Then the neighbours invite them round to bore them with their new baby from hell. Snowden herself pro-vides the voice of Margaret, while listeners to The News Quizon Radio 4 will note that Bob sounds exactly like Andy Hamilton. Peter Waymark

I have not yet reached the point where I need an agony aunt but if I did I would turn to Raeburn.

whose two-hour show manages to deal with

difficult personal issues in a way that is neither embarrassing nor sensationalist. Raeburn has the key quality of patience but she also has the good

journalistic quality of being able to nudge her listeners towards what they have rung up about, not always the same as their nominal reason for

calling. Today Raeburn deals with what happens when a divorced man in his fifties, who has

already brought up a family, falls in love with a woman in her thirties who wants to have children.

One answer is to turn tail and run but I doubt that

BBC WORLD SERVICE

5.00em The World Today 6.30 Sports International 7.00 News 7.15 Cil the Sheli. Hermingway Short Stones 7.30 Mendian Live 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Westway 8.30 Everywoman 9.00 News, (948 only) News in German 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 The Farming World 9.30 Britain Now 9.45 Sports Round-Up 10.00 Newsdest 10.30 One Planet 11.00 Newsdest 11.30 Sports International 12.00News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Soundbyte 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newsdoot 2.00 News 2.05 Culticok 2.30 Megamix 3.00 News, (648 only) News in German 3.05 Sports Round-Up 1.31 SPerformance 3.30 Everywoman 4.00 News 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.30 Insight, (648 only) News in German 4.45 Britain Today 4.30 Insight, (648 only) News in German 4.45 Britain Today

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World Business Report 3.15 Sports Round-Up 3.30 Brain of Britain 4.00 The World Today

RADIO CHOICE

Wildbrain Radio 4, 1.30pm

Everything you always wanted to know about wildlife but were afraid to ask David Attenborough can be dragged out of the hedgerows of knowledge in this quiz, back for another series. The idea is to find the best naturalist in Britain and contestants are drawn from real life rather than the coterie of media professionals. The title the winner gets at the end of the series is of course Wildbrain 98: now there is something to enliven an otherwise dull curriculum vitae. Lionel Kellaway chairs the quiz and the first programme comes from Tring in Hertfordshire, where the contestants are Richard Birch, a field botanist, Geoff Chase, a science teacher, and Nigel Snell, a conservation officer with English Nature.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.30am Zoe Bai: 9.00 Simon Major 12.00 Kerin Greening, includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Faculife 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbeat: 6.00 Daile Pearles 6.00 The Evering Session 10.00 Morie Locate 10.10 John Feet 12.00 Giles Peterson 2.00am Citie Watten 4.00 Stot Mrs

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00am Sarah Kernady 7.30 Waxe Up to Wogan 9.30 Richard Alinson 12.00 John Inverdate 2.00pm Ed Stewart S.05 Johnna Walker 7.00 Wick Bernadough New country 9.00 Mile Harding 9.00 All Singing All Danding All Night 1835 10.00 Radio 2 Clessic Albums Anne Lemans Diva 10.30 Nicky Home 12.00 Kathna Leskandh 3.00am Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00cm Morning Reports 9.00 Noisy Campbel 12.00 The Midday News with Arme Webster 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive with Paser Allen and Jane Ganey 7.00 News Extra. A full round-up and the main sports building of the day, with David McNeil 7.30 John Inverdale's Frostall Night Coverage of the night's top match. Plus the National Lettery Result 10.00 Littlejohn 11.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night

6.30am Janainan Ross 8.30 Ress Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Bobby Ham 7.30 Hame: Scott 10.00 Janey Lee Grace 1.00am James Memt 4.30 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

5.00am Bill Overton 6.00 The Breakfast Show 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorrane Kelly 2.00pm Anna Raeburn, See Choice 4.00 Peter Deeley'S Drivetime 6.00 The Sports Zone 10.00 James Whale 12.00 Ian Collins

CLASSIC FM 6.00am Nick Balley's Easier Breakfast 8.00 Henry Kelly The Hall of Fame Hour 12.00 Lunchtime Requests: Jane Jones spins listeners' favourities 2.00pm Concerto. Rosetti (Horn Concerto in Diminor) 3.00 Jamie Cnck. Including Alternoon Romance and Continuous Classics 6.30 Newsright. Headlines, arts news and guests, presented by John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. John Brunning introduces easy-listening sounds 9.00 Evening Concert. Strauss (Overture Die Fiedermaust. Sibelius (Finlandia); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in Giminor); Beethoven (Sympthory No 7 in A). Tichaikovsky (Capnocho Italien) 11.00 Mann at Night 2.00em Concerto Ir) 3.00 Mark Griffiths.

6,00am On Air with Stephanie Hughes, Includes Bach (Violin Concerto in A. BW1052]; Haydri (Scherzando No 3 in D, H11 35), Weber (Overture:

9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday, Rossim (Overture: Semiramide); Mozart (Dans un Bois Solitaire, K308); Lully (Chaconne, Acis et Galatee); Poulenc (Concerto for two pianos); Charpentier (Te deum); Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D)

10.30 Artist of the Week: Charles Mackerras

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11.00 Sound Stories with Peggy Reynolds
12.00 Composer of the Week: Brahms
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Constantin
Lifschitz, piano. Haydn (Sonata in D, H XVI 19,
Divertimento), Ravel (Gaspard de la Nuit); Chopin
(Mazurka in A minor, Ballade No 2 in F, Op 38)
2.00 The BBC Orchestins, BBC National Orchestra of (Mazurka in A minor: Ballade No 2 in F, Op 38)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC National Orchestra
Wales under Thomas Dausgaard and Tadaaki
Otaka, Aleksander Madzar, piano. Includes
Smetana (Vitava, Ma Viast); Brahms (Symphony

No 1 in C minor) 4.00 Choral Evensong Live from Portsmouth
Cathedral Organist and master of the choristers
David Price. Assistant organist David Thome
5.00 In Tune Sean Rafferty talks to the singer Patricia. Rozano about 21 years of the Huddersfield

Contemporary Music Festival Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century) Live from the Royal Festival Hall. Joan Rodgers, soprano, BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Mark Wigglesworth. Tippett (The Rose Lake): Strauss (Four Last Songs) 8.30 Book of the Month 8.50 Concert, part two. Brahms (Symphony No 4 in 5 minor).

in E minor)

9.35 Postscript Magnum photographers consider their

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10.00 Ensemble A programme inspired by childhood, inctuding a performance of by Philippe Graffin, violin, and Stephen Coombs, piano
10.45 Night Waves Leura Cumming reassesses the title and work of the Italian painter Caravaggio in the light of two new studies Plus a look at Ewan McGregor as the disruptive student suspended from art school in a new production of David Halliwell's Little Malcolm and the Battle against the Eurouchs

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11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shiplan presents the second of two excerpts from a concert given in Edinburgh by Carol Kidd and her band

12.00 Composer of the Week: Debussy Ir)

1.00em Through the Night with Donald Macleod

7.00 The Archers
7.15 Front Row Arts review, with Mark Lawson
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7.45 Still Waters Ann Mane Di Mambro's story about a
woman uying to find her missing husband (r)
8.00 The Moral Maza Michael Buer's ponders ethical
ssues behind the week's news with Janet Daley.
David Starkey, David Cook and lan Hargreaves
9.00 Costing the Earth Investigation into
developments in NF and animal choning which
could widen the gene pool but may not be
enough to rescue threatened species
9.30 Middweek tr)

4.00 Cese Notes Graham Easton discovers how the body clock affects an individual's wellbeing (r)
4.30 Thinking Allowed with Laune Taylor and guests
5.00 PM with Chris Lowe and Eddie Mair
8.00 Skx O'Clock News
6.30 Retner Hersch's All Classical Music Explained Tongue-in-cheek guide to music with Richard Thomas and Tasmin Little
7.00 The Archers
7.15 Front Bow Arts review with Add Launese

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Farming Today Presented by Anna Hill 6.00 Today with John Humphrys and James Naughtie 8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament 9.00 Midweek Lively chat, presented by the Times columnst Ubby Purves

columnist Libby Purves

9.45 (LW) Delily Sentice

9.45 (FM) Sental: Alistair Cooke — A Celebration
lan Richardson reads extracts from Alistair Cooke.

A Life by Nick Clarke (3/5)

10.00 Woman's Hour with Jenni Murray and guests

11.00 Live Luggage Fly-on-the-wall series about
animals and staff at Heathrow Airport

11.30 Funny Bones Jimmy Tarbuck and Rhona
Cameron discuss comedy through the
generations

Cameron discuss comedy through the generations
12.00 (LW) News Heedlines; Shipping Forecast
12.00 (FM) News 12.04pm You and Yours with Trace Rawinson and Mark Whittaker
1.00 The World at One With Nick Clarke
1.30 Wildbrain. The first of a new series with Lionel Kellaway. See Choice
2.00 The Archers (r)
2.15 The Wrong Side of the River by Mary Cooper and Peter Spallord. A woman's South Bank past comes back to haunt her and the city exents its pull as she prepares for the Marina Centra's big opening night. Starting Geoff Hinsliff, Lesley Nichol and Sarah Brigham
3.00 Gendeners' Question Time Bob Flowerdew, John Cushnie and Anne Swithnbank answer questions posed by students, parents and staff at Slover School, Newton Abbot (r)
3.30 Revenget lan Peacock asks whether justice and revenge are the same thing

revenge are the same thing

2.46 Revenge! Samuel Lowgood's Revenge, by Mary

E. Braddon, Read by Barbara Flytin (3/4)

9.30 Midweek (r)
10.00 The World Tonight Robin Lusting presents
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Le Grand Meaulines Philip
Franks reads part eight of Alam-Fourner's
passionate tale of adolescent idealism (r)
11.00 Late Night on 4: Five Squeezy Pieces Offbeat
comedy sketches, by Claire Calman, Julia Davis,
Maria McErtane, Meera Syal and Arabelta Well
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Round-up of
evelopments in both houses
11.30 (FM) Radio Shuttleworth Graham Felkows, in the
guise of singer-songwitter John Shuttleworth,
invites Patrick Moore in sludy the strange red
glow which appears in the evening outside the
bay window of his Shetfield front room (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book A Main in Full
William Hookkins reads part three of Tom Wotte's
novel of manners and morals in the 1990s
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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TENNIS: DEFEAT FOR SANCHEZ-VICARIO MEANS HINGIS IS UNABLE TO OVERHAUL AMERICAN

Davenport confirmed as No 1

THAT is it, the race is over, we can all go home. Before she has even lifted a racket with intent here, Lindsay Davenport has been guaranteed her place at the top of the rankings ladder. In the final tournament of the year, there are not enough top players left for Martina Hingis to beat — and so gain enough bonus points — to overhaul Davenport for the No! spot. And it is all thanks to Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario.

As the Chase Championships eased into life on Monday night, Sánchez-Vicario played a stunningly awful match to lose to Irina Spirlea. 7-6, 6-1 and so remove herself and her ranking points from the path of Hingis. It was, she said, the result of sheer exhaustion at the end of a very long season. It is a common cry around these parts at this time of year as the great and the good are undone by the reasonable and the average, although Spirlea is rather better than that.

She has had her moments, reaching the dizzy heights of No 7 last year, but she is an inseems to be able to maintain any momentum. What would it take to get back into the top ten or even break into the top five? "My brain has to work," Spiriea said. She may have her ups and downs, but she is nothing if not honest.



Van Roost returns with great determination in her first round victory over Martinez

said of Nathalie Tauziat. Never one to make much of a fuss. she is, nevertheless, reaping

Much the same could be Wimbledon semi-final, but this time around there was less at stake and, as a result, nothing to be nervous about. Wasting as little time as possible, Tauziat won 6-3, 6-1 in

was thinking of retiring from

tournament tennis less than

three months ago, beat Chris

Wilkinson, the No I seed, 6-1,

7-6 (8-6) in the first round of

have played many times, but is," Tauziat pointed out in her own inimitable style.

the championships have two front of a light sprinkling of daytime sessions, but no one dedicated supporters. "We appears to have told the good

right now I am better than she This year, for the first time.

in navy blue with a pristine white collar, while Martinez looked like the errant pupil who had forgotten to do her

homework. This is Martinez's leasi favourite tournament and her least favourite surface and, after a while, Van Roost's crunching forehand was her least favourite shot. Once the first set had escaped her, Martinez was in no mood to fight and, with the holidays beckoning, she was off.

Wilkinson on his return to sin-

Sapsford finds new lease of life

the rewards of her most successful season on the circuit. The outing against Natasha Zvereva was a rematch of the DANNY SAPSFORD, who

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the British National championships at Telford yesterday. "I had hardly won a singles match all year and just before the US Open I was thinking of quitting," Sapsford said. "I told Jeremy Bates that if there were any coaching jobs going

up with Lan Bale, a South African player, and we qualified for the doubles at the US Open and won two rounds. "Since then I've only played doubles and last week Lan

September but then I paired

and I reached the semi-final in Santiago. So now I'm tak-ing doubles really seriously. "It doesn't carry the prestige of singles but the bottom line is you want to pay the bills when you have a family and a mortgage. If you win a few rounds you are in the money."

gles was not that unexpected. Tve beaten Wilkie the last four or five times we've met and felt I was favourite, which might sound a bit stupid when you're playing the top

The other shock of the day came when Mark Hilton, 17, of Chester, beat Nick Gould. the No 5 seed from Bristol. 6-4, 6-4. Sam Smith, the ton seed, began the defence of her women's singles title with a 6-2, 6-2 win over fellow Essex Sapsford's victory over player Helen Crook.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated International metch England v Czech Republic (at Wembley Stadium, 6 0).

at the LTA to let me know.

"I meant to quit after the

Bournemouth tournament in

European championship Qualifying group two Albania v Greece (2.0)....... Qualifying group three Northern Ireland v Moldova (at Windsor Park, Belfast, 2.0)..... Qualifying group six San Marino v Cyprus.....

Qualifying group eight Malta v FYR Macedonia (7.0)... (ugoslavia v Ireland (at Red Star Stadium, 7 0)...... European under-21 chempionship Quelifying group eight Yugoslavia v Ireland (at Sentic Stadium, 12.30).

Conflighing group nine Scotland v Belgium (at St Mirren Park, Paisley). Under-21 international match Portugal v Wales (at Braganca, 2.0).....

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE: POOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCENorth West Conference Stockport v Burnley
(at Edgeley Park, 11.0)
AND INSURANCE COMBINATION: First
divisions Benedord v Oxford (2.0), Cherison v
Bournemouth (7.0); Colchester v Wycombe
(2.0); Gilfogham v Peterborough (2.0), Swindon v Brighton (7.15).
PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Agton Villa v Birmingham (7.0); Leads v Liverpool (2.0) First divisions Bolton v Port Vale
(at Rochdale, 7.0); Middlesbrough v Grinisthy
(at Billingham Symthose, 7.0) Second divistems Blackgood v Wresterm (7.0); Lincoln v
Newceste, Scarporough v Rotherham (7.0); Strawabury v Bradford (2.0) Third division: Bury v Walsall (at Raddiffe Borough, 2.0); Scunthorpe v Hull (7.0); Wilgan v Darlington SCHWEPPES ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Langua Cup: Group statch: Bowers v Hul-

SCHWEPPES BSSEX SEMOR LEAGUELeague Cup Group trainers Bowers v Hubbridge Sports.
COMPLETE MUSIC HELLEMIC LEAGUEPrevater divisions Carterton v Festrort: EFC
Cheltenfam v Circonester Academy, Highworth v Tuffley, Kinzbury v Blooster, Swedon
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Colectal, Metrick v Hendrahan Timbers.
JEWSON EASTERIN COUNTIES LEAGUE:
Premier divisions Feitschowe Port and v loswich.
INTERLIME EXPRESS MIDILAND INVITA-

RUGBY UNION World Cup Pool two Netherlands v Italy (at Huddersfield, 7.30). . A International match les v Argentina (at Pontypridd, 7.15). TOUR MATCH: Glasgow Caledonians v New Zealand Mooris (at McDiarmid Pk, Perth, 7 0) CLUS MATCH: Codord University v Major Pl. V. Stanley's XV (3.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE Scotland v Ireland (at Partick Thistie, 7.30)... OTHER SPORT

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INTERLINK EXPRESS MEDLAND INVITA-TION CUP: Second round: Oadby Town v Bisson Community College WORD-WATCHING **

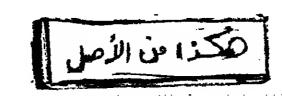
Answers from page 41

AUCUBĂ (c) A mosaic disease which attacks the solanaceous plants. "It was not possible to distinguish serologically the viruses of tobacco mosaic, aucuba mosaic and tomato streak." GARROCHA

(a) A blunt pole used for prodding cattle in the silly "sport" of bullfighting. BOMBORA (b) A dangerous stretch of water where the waves break over a submerged reef of rocks. The Aboriginal word.
DUBBELTJIE

(c) One of several South African weeds, especially Tribulus terrestris or Emex Australis. Southern Afrikaans. Solution to Winning Move 1, Rxg6+/ Kxg6; 2, Qxe6+ Qxe6+; 3, Rxe6 checkmate.

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A PR for an ardio and articles are art many Government-appointed minders that Saddam Hussein

likes to clamp on to visiting journalists, were a couple of new characters from The Fast Show. Alla, an effeminate man with "an eye for the ladies" and a stomach for ice- cream, minced about like the mastre d' of a Home Counties restaurant that has ideas above its station. Kifah's first passionate words to us were: "Liverpool is my best club. I can't forget Sieve Heighway, or Ray Kennedy, or Ray Clements, or Hughes. If England played with Iraq I'd support England, t like them 100 much, believe me. I can't forget Bobby Moore. I can't forget him.

Behind the posturing, everyday life for Iraqis things gol for Kifah, the better they got for Sean McAllister and the film he was making for Modern Times (BBC2). McAllisler had come to Baghdad, like scores of other journalists and cameramen, to make a film of the impending war. When Saddam blinked this was the last time he blinked). McAl)ister hung around and ended up with a film more revealing than the one he might have ended

up with had the war arrived. No war means no foreign journalists to escort to carefully orchestrated scenes of wounded civilians. So Kifah - who had been taken on temporarily to cover the crisis was jobless agam. Kifah used to teach English, but had been out of work for three years. In the week before his sacking he had made \$120 in tips from foreign journalists - more than he had earned in the eight years since UN sanctions were imposed against Iraq. Smartand filmed him as he went about his daily routine.

t was a glimpse into life in Baghdad you don't see in those 90-second news clips from journalists who are speaking excitedly to camouflage the fact that their entire knowledge of the day's battle movements comes from a briefing by an American press attaché delivered in an hotel room 200 miles from the war zone.

Away from the ululating Iraqi women demonstrating for the cameras against the UN sanctions. Kifah beckoned McAllister into his private world. He lives with his mother in a down-at-heel house, where all the furniture has been sold over the years to buy food. His bedroom walls bear the marks where photographs of Peter Shilton and Archie Gemmill and Kevin Keegan once were.

REVIEW

Joe



and has little to show for the life he has lived. All his young man's dreams have become middle-aged pipedreams. He has no wife, no house of his own, no car. Not even a watch: he sold it, also for food. Kifah was honest and open, but not so honest and open as to blame anybody for his plight, although you sensed that if it came to pointing fingers, his would be aimed at his own Government.

cartoon characters to us as we Westerners are to them - both demonised as evil zealots by our respective media. McAllister may not come across as the most sensitive interviewer, but his intimate and moving film reminded you that the world is (mostly) full of sane, decent people, struggling to make ends meet and to make sense of life: it's the leaders, such

as Saddam, who are mad. It's not just the rulers of countries who don't know how people live. Company bosses can be just as blinkered. Back to the Floor (BBC2) is a simple idea, wonderfully executed. It persuades big cheeses to see what life is like at the coalface, which they last saw maybe 30 years previously. Last night Tony Pidgley, multimillionaire boss of Berkeley Homes, returned to a building site and was appalled at the working conditions of his staff and at the sharneful aftersales service received by buyers of bacon-eaters that the box for his "executive homes" in the halfcompleted Harrods Village.

where can never know how much of the bosses' head-shaking outrage is manufactured for the camera (would somebody taking this project seri-ously arrive on site, as Pidgley did. dressed in a business suil in his chauffeur-driven aubergine Bentley?), but it is breathtaking to see how many companies don't bother to find out how angry their customers or their staff are until the television carneras or the bankruptcy bailiffs come knocking

The first in a series about Wrappers (BBC2) took a nostalgic look at cereal boxes, which flooded into Britain after the war from America, where they had been invented for invalids by doctors working in sanatoriums. It was such a novel concept for egg-andGrape Nuts ("For brain and nerve control") carried the warning: "Do Not Try To Cook This Food.

First over the drawbridge was Force, which was not only the first ready-to-eat cereal, but also the pioneer of the practice of saving coupons from packet tops which could be later exchanged for a set of tumblers, so garish that you'd be embarrassed to use them even for target practice on a rifle range. Brian Finken, the UK managing director of Force between 1952 and 1985, recalled that "It was a great marketing struggle to begin with to get people educated to know how to use it," which might explain why breakfast cereals - advertised not only as healthy but as aids to digestion — were so slow to take off in France. The French must have assumed — as with other trusted health treatments that Force flakes were a novel American form of suppository.

BECO 6.00am Business Breakfast (60895) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (30079) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8583383) 9.40 Style Challenge (9326234)

What a person! He's like a super-

star! Like movie superstar!" And

But then things started going

he's mad on Kevin Keegan, too.

10.05 City Hospital (9460147) 10.55 News (T) and weather (9213031) 11.00 Real Rooms (9230708)

11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (I) (9233895) 11.55 News (T) and weather (5367550) 12.00 Pass the Buck (4861505) 12.25pm Going for a Song (4840012) 12.50 The Weather Show (T) (82211924)

1.00 News (T) and weather (33166) 1.30 Regional News (T) (73293166) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (67805383) 2.05 ironside (r) (9065673) 2.55 Wipeout

3.25 Playdays (r) (6914050) 3.45 Bananaman (r) (T) (8416692) 3.50 ChuckleVision (r) (2352321) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (T) (9127234) 4.35 The Oueen's Nose. New series (T) (7797963) 5.00 Newsround (T) (4428673) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (5733470) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (1) and weather (383) 6.30 Regional News (T) (963)

7.00 A Question of Sport With Everton's new signing John Collins, Wigan winger Martin Offiah, cricketer Mark Butcher and athlete Kelly Holmes (T) (1499) 7.30 Tomorrow's World Are the fittesf

astronauts necessarily the besi? (T) (147) B.00 The Life of Birds: Fishing for Life Sir David Attenborough examines the lives of seabirds (T) (664383)

8.50 The National Lottery: Amazing Luck Stories (T) (517160) 9.00 News (T) and weather (9876)

9.29 National Lottery Update (T) (287012) 9.30 QED: Secrets of the Cloud People Does a difftop tomb in Amazonia containing 200 preserved murmmies hold the secrets of an ancient South American

civilisation? (T) (49654) 10.00 War and Piste New six-part senes following the fortunes of a group of young Brits who spend their winter working in Val D'Isere, France (34234) WALES: 10.00 The Silver Screen. Profile of Stanley Baker (888383) War and Piste (283383) 11.25 The Best of British (654708) 12.10am FILM: Cany On Camping (4872451) 1.35 FILM: Percy's (322971) 3.10

(23935857) 3.15 BBC News 24 10.30 The Best of British Profile of Cliff Richard. With anecdotes from Hank Marvin, Tim Rice and Olivia Newton-John

(T) (215673) 11.15 Carry On Camping (1969) Randy Sid James and his crony Bernard Bresslaw plan to lure their unsuspecting girlfriends o a nudis) camp. Directed by Gerald Thomas (T) (442895)

12.40am Percy's Progress (1974) Adult comedy sequel following Leigh Lawson's escapades after his revolutionary transplant operation. Directed by Ralph Thomas (T) (586161)

2.15 Weather (6578258) 2.20 BBC News 24

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7.00 King Greenfingers 7.05 Teletubbles 7.30 Tom and Jerry Kids 7.55 To Me, To You 8.20 Robinson Sucroe 8.45 Juniper Jungle 8.55 King Greenfingers 9.00 Space Ark (r) (7458012) 9.10 What? Where? When? Why? (7478876) 9.25 Focus: Substance Misusa (T) (5866437) 9.45 Words and Pictures (8498760) 10.00 Teletubbies (r) 10.30 Numbertime (3036586) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (3024741) (3036586) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (3024741) 11.00 Around Scotland (9732128) 11.20 Geography Programme (T) (4104031) 11.40 Science in Action (T) (7094692) 12.00 Teaching Today (31147) 12.30pm Working Lunch (50760)

1.00 Juniper Jungle (r) (98116321) 1.10 Sophie Grigson's Herbs (43023321) 1.15 The History Hour: St Andrews; and the first off-the-peg lashions (r) (797321)
2.15 Match of Their Day: Emlyn Hughes
(70759789) 2.40 News 2.45 Westminster
(T) (2637128) 3.55 News (T)

4.00 Change That (r) (T) (3554296) 4.25
Ready, Sleady, Cook (T) (3557383) 4.55
Esther: Birth Begins at 40 (r) (T) (5322957) 5.30 Celebrity Today's the Day with guests Glona Hunniford and Tom O'Connor (T) (352)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (r) (T) 6.45 Silders (T) (234876)



A look at the life of a community of Cistercian monks (7.30pm)

7.30 Behind Closed Doors: A God Shaped Space An irtimata portrait of the monks o) Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire, which is celebrating its 900th anniversary

8.00 Looking Good (1/5) Compliation of the beauty and fashion series (8789) 8.30 Home Front New 12-part series of the home decorating megazine. Revamping a tired latchen; lextured wall

finishes; and the Dean family prepare to renovate their derelict Victorian house in North London (T) (7296) 9.00 Nurse John Denton has his first

experience of a birth; Jo Banks comes to terms with patients suffering chronic dementia (736895) 9.50 Trade Secrets: Builders (828419)

10.00 to Stitches Comic doctor-patient encounters (32876) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (213215) 11.15 Brothers

ers (907302) 11.55 Weather (557166) 12.00 Despaich Box (22890) 30am Learning Zone: The Growing Child (51760) 1.00 Who Calls the Shots? (33513) 1.30 Windows on the Mind (51451) 2.00 Technology (83242) 4.00 Deutsch (90722) 5.00 RCN Nursing Update (2900567) 5.45 O U: Flowering

6.00am GMTV (9930895) 9.25 Trisha (T) (5925352)

10.15 This Morning The guests are the cornectian Frank Skinner and the soprano Lesley Garrett (T) (860296) 12.15pm HTV News and weather (3662499) 12.30 News (T) and weather (54586)

1.00 Shortland Street (28234) 1.30 Home and Away (T) (53857) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (5847091) 2.40 Dale's Supermarket Sweep (T) (2254050)

3.10 News (7779234) 3.15 Regional News and weather (7778505) 3.20 Wizadora (r) (7759470) 3.30 The Slow Norris (7140654) 3.45 The Animal Shelf (7178437) 4.00 Rupert (r) (3574050) 4.25 The Rottentrolls (T) (4680166) 4.40 Mad

5.10 WALES: Primetime Diary (4654876) 5.10 Wildlife Rescue (4654876) 5.40 News (T) and weather (699166) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (482055)

6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (980383) 6.25 HTV Weather (693383) 6.30 The West Tonight (401)

7.00 Emmerdale Steve vows revenge vengeance on Kim (T) (9895) 7.30 Coronation Street Des battles back from the brink (T) (215)



toan Gruffudd returns as the maritime hero, Horatio Hornblower (8pm)

8.00 Economics Homblower: The Economics for Lieutenant Promoted to acting lieutenant, Homblower is lorced to question his readinesss for leadership (T) (4437) 10.00 News (T) and weather (29302)

10.30 Regional News (343505)

10.40 Clive James on TV Clive James reminisces about the time when beauty contests were a major even) in)elevision the Miss World contest (212895)

11.10 The Big Match Highlights of England's friendly international match against the Czech Republic (474499) 12.10am State of Grace (1991) Gangster

thriller with Sean Penn, Ed Harris and Gary Oldman. An undercover cop infiltrates a syndicate run by an old school friend and finds that the gang is being squeezed by both the police and the Mafia. Directed by Phil Joanou (64108364)

2.35 The Hopeful Traveller David Bean continues his walk through Cumbria, heading west from Skinburness

3.00 Trisha (r) (T) (3820242) 3.40 Cybernet (21972242) 4.10 Stash (92706109)

4.20 ITV Nightscreen (3946068) 5.30 News (27345)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 1.00pm Echo Point (28234) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9769654)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4654876) 6.25-7.00 Central News (980383) 3.00am Trisha (3820242)

3.40 Cybernet (21972242) 4.10 Central Jobfinder '98 (3940884) 5.20 Asian Eye (3683600)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.15pm-12.30 Westcountry (3662499)

1.00 Emmerdale (28234) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9769654) 5.08 Birthday People (9277673) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4654876) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (62505)

WERDIAN . As HTV West except: 12.15-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (3662499)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4654876) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (609) 6.30-7.00 Holiday Park (401) 5.00am Freescreen (91093)

ANGLIA:

As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (9911895) 1.00-1.30 Split Second (28234) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4654876) 6.23 Anglia Weather (694012) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (980383) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (503857)

Sec and sec Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (23789) 9.00 Book Box (46079)

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6.00 Late Lunch with Mel and Sue with guests Bjork, Vic Reeves and Bob 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (574031)

7.55 Talking Heads (3/4) A head teacher talks about his work (T) (238596) 8.00 Brookside Tim saves the day in a fire (T)

8.30 The Real Holiday Show presented by Davina McCall. Three Rochdala pensioners on a holiday of a lifetime in Barbados, Plus, a divorcee visits Poland and a family on a British boating trip

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12.00am Under the Moon includes 2.35 Football Italia 4.00 High 5 4.35 Kabaddı 5.00 Trans World Sport (6401884)

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7.30 The Pepsi Chart Including performances by All Saints. Five and Steps (5546654)

8.00 The Car Show (5071418) 8.30 In the Dark Game show hosted by Junior Simpson (T) (5050925)

9.00 The Silencers (1990) Futuristic thriller with Jack Scalia and Dennis Christopher and Carlos Lauchu. A special agent's cryocene transport links the men to invade. Directed by Richard Pepin (T)

(81214673) 10.55 Melinda's Big Night in Melinda's guests include Spice Girl Emma Bunton, comedian Jeff Green, soul singer Lynden David Hall and actor Ben Hull (8232654) 11.35 Compromising Situations A self-conscious man strikes up a romance on

the Internet (6238334) 12 10am NHL: American Ice Hockey Edmonton v Montreal (49753600) 4.40 Club Class (r) (92989364) 5.05 Move on

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (1636242)

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12.00 The Story of Lassie 1.00pm Animal Doctor 1.30 Nature Watch with Julian Petitler 2.00 All Sird TV 2.80 Human/Nature 3.30 Zeo Story 4.00 Jack Hanna's Zeo Life 4.30 Wildlife SOS 5.00 Harry's Practice 5.30 Nature Watch with Julian Petaler 8.00 Krait's Creatures 6.30 Lasste 7.00 Animal Premet Classics 8.00 Animal Doctor 8.30
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4.00pm Civil War 6.00 Classic Cars 6.00 Ancient Mysteries 7.00 Brute Force: Bornber Group 7.30 Edward Windsor Presents Crown and Country

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Campbell handed England captaincy after Villa defender is omitted

Hoddle delivers snub to Southgate

BY OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

BRIDGE clubs, be they in the Home Counties or the Bronx. are not readily associated with calls to arms. Still, a few optimists went to the South Bucks branch yesterday hoping to be stirred, to be rallied, to be told that things were going to get better for the England football team at Wembley tonight after the trials and tribulations of previous months. But after Glenn Hoddle had finished with them, bridge clubs every-where breathed a sigh of

Everyone knows that the England coach is hardly a troubadour. He is not an expansive man, not someone given to shows of passion, spontaneity or lyricism. But at a time when England and their supporters need all the cheer they can get, the stolid, grim pose he struck on a day when even his detractors were seeking reasons for optimism would not have enlivened a whist drive, let alone the buildup to an international football

Hoddle was in a bad mood, apparently. He was cross, he later told television and radio starions, about the manner in which some newspapers yesterday morning had treated his studiously uncontroversial comments about David Beckham. He had a right to be annoyed, but rather than confront the problem, dismiss it and move on to the raising of spirits for the match against the Czech Republic at Wem-

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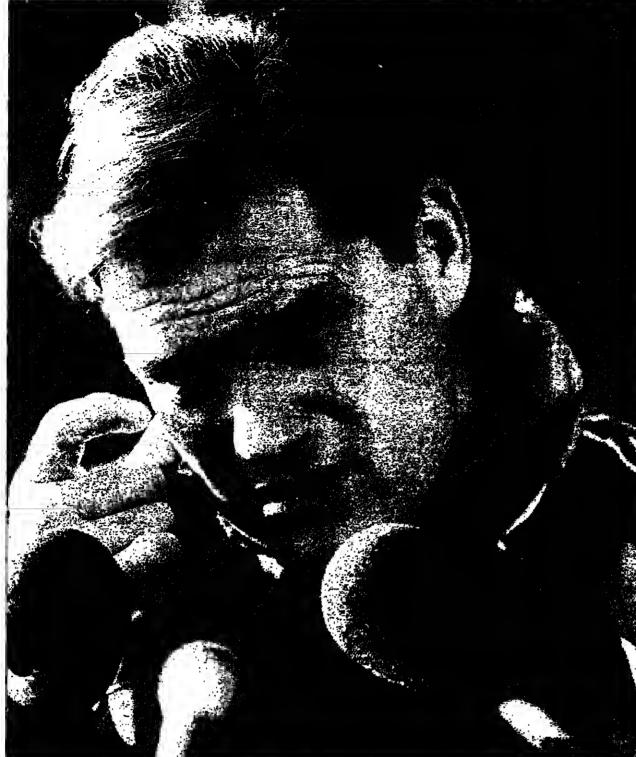
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it appeared that he had left Gareth Southgate out of the starting line-up, even after the Aston Villa centre half had gone to the extreme of having the birth of his first child. a daughter, induced so that he could join up with the squad. Many had expected Southgate to be rewarded with the captaincy for that sacrifice, but he was consigned to the substitutes' bench instead.

Invited to praise the patriotism and commitment of Southgate. Hoddle ventured only "A squad was chosen, be was in it and now he has arrived." Is it any wonder that, one by one, he appears to be systematically alienating his men? Their respect for him seems to be dwindling by the day. If England scored as many own goals as their coach, they would already be out of the European champion-

The bright points in the line-up are a chance for Rio Ferdinand at the centre of the back three, the handing of the captaincy to the consistently excellent Sol Campbell and the presence of the Aston Villa teammates, Paul Merson and Dion Dublin, in a lively front three. Lee Hendrie, the young Villa midfield player, is also likely to make an appearance as a substitute. Hoddle could and should have emphasised those positives. Instead, he chose recalcitrance.

In some ways, of course, it to me and said about him. But the climate of suspicion and antagohe is courting adverse criti- nism fostered by his attitude seeps through to players who



A reluctant Hoddle faces the media yesterday as England prepare for their match against the Czech Republic

PROBABLE TEAMS AT WEMBLEY

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N Martyn (Leeds United)

P Merson (Aston Villa)

CZECH REPUBLIC (3-5-2)

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U Novotrry (Sparta Prague)

P Kouba (Victoria Zizkov)

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P Kuka (FC Nuremberg)

M Katalek (Olombuc)

K Poborsky

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have been less than impressed with their coach for some time now. They read the papers, particularly the tabloid papers, and each public relations blunder that Hoddle makes inat a time when they need unconditional backing to restore their shattered confidence.

At one stage, he was so reluctant to talk about the need for a convincing victory against the Czechs, to propel England into a new year with renewed vigour, that he seemed to be suggesting a defeat might be just as welcome. "In many ways." he said, "I might learn a lot more about the players if the game does not go smoothly. If they do not perform for whatever reason, then I will

learn from that as well." One would think that he had experienced more than enough adversity in the past few months to wish any more upon his players. They have only won three of their past eight games, after all, and the last of those - the 3-0 win over Luxembourg - was so unconvincing it was met with a chorus of jeers from the travelling

Even if, as he said, the true against the Czechs is as a building block towards the next European championship qualifying game, against Poland at Wembley on March 27, securing a win tonight is vital if the siege mentality that has settled over England is to be lifted. and hope of making it to Holland and Belgium in 2000 is to

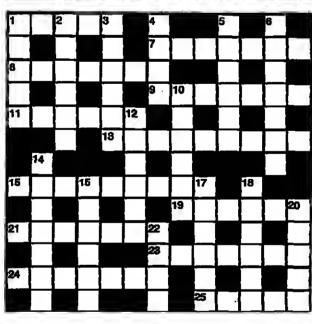
The last thing that Hoddle as they were after their 0-0

or his players need is to be booed off again at Wembley, draw with Bulgaria last month, but Hoddle was loath even to acknowledge this fact. "What you guys need for tomorrow morning," he told the assembled reporters, "and are miles apart. The most satisfying thing

for me would be to go and see some of the players who have been on the fringe of the squad go out there and do well. I want players to hit me in the eye. But if they don't they shouldn't feel that they will be cast out of the squad. Sol will be captain because he leads by example. The players respond to him. I don't want to cast my mind back to what happened after the Bulgaria game. It is negative. You have to throw yourself forward. If these players go out there with fear, it will be detrimental to their performance. They are not on

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laid in one (7) 25 Call across Swiss valley (5)

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By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THIRTY years after achieving the ultimate athletic goal, winning an Olympic gold medal with a world record, David Hemery has been voted into the most powerful post in Brit-ish athletics. It is almost as long since Harold Abrahams, the 1924 Chariots of Fire Olympic 100 metres champion, thought that Hemery had the credentials to become the sport's most influential official, but then changed his

mind. Hemery was revealed yesterday — to his surprise — as the first president of Athletics UK. A vote by a sturdy 46 per cent of Britain's 1,604 clubs gave him a margin of victory every bit as clear-cut as the one he had at the 1968 Mexico Olympics. Hemery recounted how Abrahams, who governed Brit-ish athletics for many years, had suggested to him in 1972 that he might be a suitable successor - until he heard his radical ideas on professionalism, medical support, and separate administration for the elite

As Hemery pointed out yes-terday, if they were radical views then, they are substance now. Yet, until yesterday, Hemery had not been voted into any official role in the sport since he was chairman of the International Athletes' Club in 1973 and 1974. He has worked on the periphery, but mostly he has been committed to his management training business.

It is a business he shares Mike Turner, the former Great Britain Olympic team manager, 99. One of Hemery's first moves will be not to iso-

with David Whitaker, the coach to Great Britain's 1988 Olympic gold-medal winning men's hockey team, and Sir late the other four. In a classic example of Cole-John Whitmore, a former European saloon car champion. manballs, David Coleman, When Hemery was asked to stand for the presidency, an commentating on Hemery's Olympic victory, became so carried away by the moment unpaid post, he was encouraged by Whitaker and Whitof triumph that he just about more. The greater flexibility managed to describe Gerhard Hennige, from Germany, win-ning the silver medal before they were offering him at work convinced him he should. With the biggest clubs havscreaming: "And who cares who's third?" Unfortunately

ing five votes, down to one for the smallest, Hemery polled 426 - a winning margin of more than 100 votes. Sir Eddie Kulukundis, the theatre impresario and athletics benefactor. polled 309: Steve Ovett, the 1980 Olympic 800 metres champion. 274; Tom McNab, the coach and writer, 129; and

Hemery: flexibility

FAST TRACK TO THE TOP

for Coleman, Britain cared. It

was John Sherwood, Hem-

ner once more, cared not only

who was third, but who was

second, fourth and fifth. He said he wanted to hear the

views of the other four. "There

Yesterday, Hemery, a win-

ery's team-mate.

Born: July 18, 1944, Orencestes The athlete: Won Olympic 400 metres hurdles gold medal in world record 48.12sec at the 1868 Olympic Games in Mexico City Three times witner of the BBC Superstate.

The businessman, has run a business for the post ten years, applying the principles of coaching into menagement training to moti-

was nobody who received no votes," Hernery said. Ovett, who Hemery had marked down as the probable winner, said that he thought the choice of Hemery was "a safe pair of hands".

There were ironies at every turn. Hemery was proposed by Brighton and Hove AC, Ovett's former club; Kulukundis became a devotee of the sport after being impressed by Hemery's modesty; and Hemery himself was inspired to become an athlete after watching Chris Chataway, chairman of the steering group which im-plemented the poll, in his epic 5,000 metres against Vladimir

Kuts.
"If we had been able to choreograph the whole thing as far as candidates and results are concerned, we could not have done better. Chataway said. Hemery, 54, is perceived as the quintessential Englishman and is a strong antidrugs voice. He said he was excited that

rapid progress was being made towards DNA urine testing. "I feel very sorry that, when I see a fine performance, there is that niggling question of 'gosh I wonder'," he said. Under Hemery, David Moorcroft, widely praised in his year as chief executive during difficult times, seems likely to continue in the role. "It would take an outstanding candidate to dislodge him. Hemery said.

Europe's top clubs ready for kick-off

By ROB HUGHES

THOSE who believe it is all over, that Uefa, European football's governing body, has regained full control of the Champions League and that Media Parmers and any other outsiders have lost, may only have half the truth. In a casino in Madrid yesterday, 14 of Europe's leading clubs pro-nounced themselves to be be-hind Uefa and ready to kick off the European authorities' proposed new 32-club format rom next season.

Fine. Sepp Blatter, the president of Fifa, the world governing body, followed that up with a clear statement: No parties outside the football es-tablishment would be allowed to get their hands on the European competitions, or the vast monies from televi-sion rights and sponsorships that have attracted the at-

tempts this year to take them out of Uefa control. However, after the casino meeting. Lorenzo Sanz. the president of Real Madrid, and evidently the host to this gathering of the self-elected clear Real elite, warned: "We are not a parallel Madrid's Uefa. We are collaborating with Uefa. We are a working group and we don't want

to replace anyone." Then Sanz, whose own club has regained past glories but continues to struggle against insolvency, declared that he is to be secretary to an even smaller select group of five clubs -Real Madrid, AC Milan. Bayern Munich, Porto and Marseille - who intend to serve as a sub-group, in continuous discussion with Uefa. Naturally, their business will in-volve the cutting of the cake, the intention of big clubs to get the biggest slice of the £275 million Uefa believes it

pions' League next season. But wait. Barely two months ago Sanz warned Uefa that it would rue the day it fined and ordered Real Madrid to play its next European game on neutral territory after the shambles of the collapsed goalposts at the Bernabeu stadium last season. He now darkly suggests that the sub-group will seek discussions over fines, and over other matters of Fifa rule.

When Blatter yesterday supported the status quo, he mentioned that it amounted to anarchy for organisations outside the sporting authorities to try to rule. Is it not anarchy if the clubs that are, for the moment, all powerful, also to attempt to prejudice not only the distribution of profits, but now also whether or not they should be subjected to punishment when they err?

The main conclusion in Madrid yesterday came from the so-called G-14 - the clubs who deem themselves to be Europe's elite. They are Real Madrid, Barcelona, AC Milan, Internazionale, Juventus, Manchester United, Liv-Bayern Munich, Borussia Dort-

mund, Ajax, PSV Perhaps Eindhoven, Marseilles. Paris St Germain and FC Sanz is trying to that

should reflect the omnipotence of the leading clubs in the leading nations. They want 45 per cent of the total to go to clubs from England, France, Germany, Italy and Spain, 25

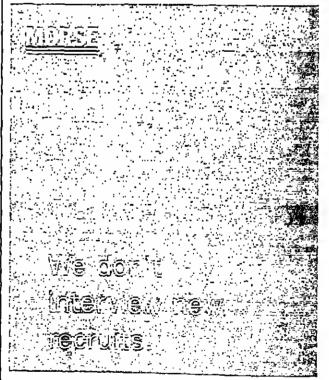
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per cent to be distributed to all the participating clubs, and the remaining 30 per cent to be handed out as prize-money.

One might almost suspect that Sanz is attempting to clear Real Madrid's debts by

the end of the decade. In their togetherness the 14 (or is it the five?) will surely sow disharmony among others. Can you imagine the thoughts of David Dein, the vice-chairman of Arsenal, who was vigorous in putting the case for change within Uefa, and who now discovers that

The 51 countries affiliated to Uefa will meet in Geneva next week to discuss their response. Uefa is scheduled to round up their final offer on December 11, and one week later the group calling themselves G-14 will meet again. 'Change is upon us, democracy might take longer.



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